## **Powell Is Out** Of the Race. But Will Aid Republicans

Lacking the 'Passion' For Politics, He Also Declines No. 2 Spot

WASHINGTON — General Colin L.
Powell ruled out a 1996 bid for the White House on Wednesday and said he would not be a candidate for vice president ei-

He also declared himself a Republican. but would not commit himself to vote for the party's nominee next year.

General Powell, 58, the retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the presidential competition did not stir in him "the commitment and the passion" he bad felt during his 35 years as a soldier, but he left open the possibility of a political future in another campaign.

"I'm ruling out a run for the presidency in 1996 or running for any elective office in 1996," General Powell said. His wife, Alma, was at his side as he spoke at a crowded ballroom news conference in Alexandria, Virginia, a Washington suburb.

As a new black Republican, he said, "I believe I can help the party of Lincoln move once again closer to the spirit of Lincoln." But he declined to endorse any Republican prospect for the White House, saying

he would wait and see about that - and also

about whom to vote for next November. The general's decision not to run, after weeks of private agonizing, deprived le-gions of hopeful supporters of the candidate they saw as the Republican Party's best hope to defeat President Bill Clinton in

the November 1996 election. But it delighted right-wingers within the Republican bloc, who saw the general as too liberal for their tastes

The decision was also apparently good news for the front-runner for the Republican nomination, Senator Bob Dole. The general's strength in public opinion polls was such that a candidacy would have been a huge threat to Mr. Dole's chances for the

Opinion polls also showed General Powell to be the only Republican who consistently defeated Mr. Clinton in direct

Still, the deputy White House chief of staff, Harold Ickes, said there no "sighs of relief" about decision there. "We were prepared to take our case to the country no matter what Colin Powell decided to do," Mr. Ickes said.

But another Clinton aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "We've dodged the hig bullet."

While standing aside for the next campaign, General Powell did not rule himself out of political competition for good. "The future is the future." he said.

He said family concerns were paramount to him but that he was not concerned about his personal security. Mrs. Powell said she had concerns about his security, but that her worry on that score was not a factor in his decision.

General Powell said running for president "would require sacrifices and changes in our lives that would be difficult for us to make at this time."

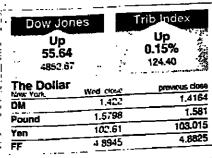
Among the problems he would have faced as a candidate would have been attacks from conservatives who saw him as a social liberal. Some Republicans, like the commentator Patrick J. Buchanan, had denounced General Powell as a bogus Republican and vowed to fight him.

At the other Republican campaigns, there was a rush to suggest that with General Powell on the sidelines, Mr. Dole's

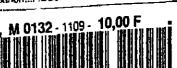
challengers would get a closer look.
"The field is now clear and the race is now between a respected Washington insider Bob Dole, and an outsider, me," said former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who has languished in the polls.

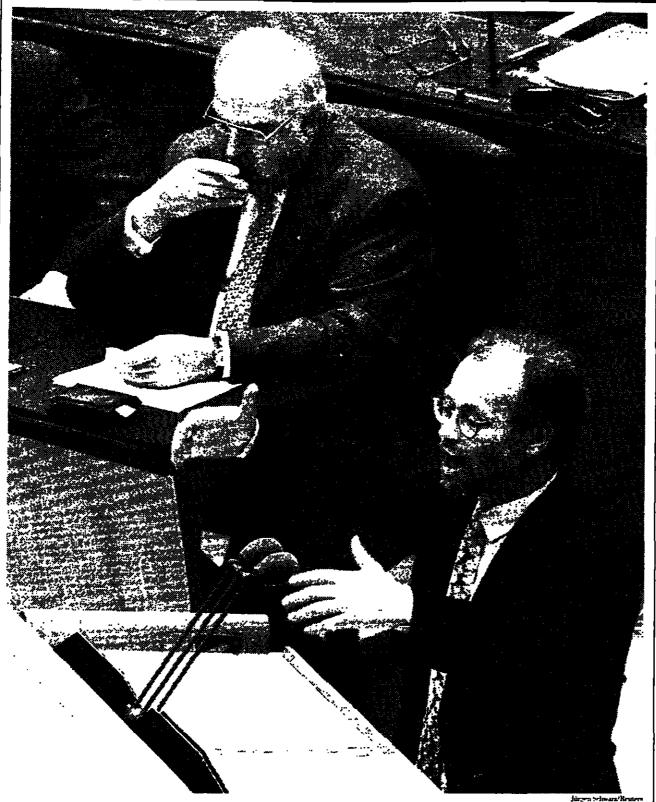
Members of draft-Powell organizations voiced disappointment that the retired general would not be a candidate.

I consider him a great American," said Tim Bush, who led the draft-Powell move-ment in New Hampshire. "I think really (AP, Reuters) the country is the loser.



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Rudolf Scharping speaking Wednesday in Parliament in Bonn as Chancellor Helmut Koht took a chocolate break.

## Foes Could Sabotage EMU, Kohl Says Political Opponents Assailed in Parliament Debate

BONN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Wednesday demanded that his opponents stop attacking a planned merger of European currencies, saying the campaign could raise doubts about German lead-

"This is a very precious topic," Mr.
Kohl said in a sharp rebuke to the left-ofcenter Social Democrats during a budget debate in the lower house of Parliament.
"It lends itself neither to the spinning of legends nor to cheap populism.'

European unity must remain the core of German foreign policy at a time when its he said. neighbors "are watching us much more intently than a few years ago," Mr. Kohl told lawmakers.

He also said that launching a single European currency without France would be unthinkable.

thought more than two or three countries er EU countries would give him no room could join the European Union's eco- to negotiate, he said. nomic and monetary union by its 1999 A single currency linking only Ger-

many, Luxembourg and Ireland and leaving out France, Bonn's most important ally, was not in the cards.

"That would be a false suggestion,"

France's new cabinet pledges to cut the deficit and create jobs. Page 13.

"I have said this often

He brushed off opposition demands to pell out how European monetary union, or EMU, could be brought about and what its effect would be on the man in the street. e unthinkable.

Answering a long list of questions
But he declined to discuss how he about EMU before sitting down with oth-

to negotiate, he said.

The chancellor urged the Social Democrats to stop feeding fears by suggesting a single currency might be weak. But the Social Democratic leader, Rudolf Scharping, said Germany needed to debate the issue openly or it would not win support for giving up the Deutsche

"If we don't convince voters in open debate that a common currency, common economic policy and the common defense of social peace are an important concern for Europe, then we will not get their upport," he said.

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel also assailed the Social Democrats, urging them to drop their "Deutsche mark nationalism. This is cheap populism," he said. "We are

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## **Israel Arrests 2 More** In Rabin Murder Plot

#### One of 4 Suspects Leads Group That Claimed Attacks on Arabs

By Daniel Williams Vashington Post Service

JERUSALEM - The police arrested two people Wednesday in connection with sassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, one of whom is the leader of a militant anti-Arab group that claimed responsibility for a deadly attack on Pales-

tinians this year.

Avishai Raviv, the leader of the farrightist Eyal movement, was charged in a Tel Aviv court with conspiracy. The group calls for the expulsion of Arabs from land under Israeli control and is composed of disciples of the Jewish supremacist Meir Kahane, who was assassinated in New York City in 1990.

The name of the other suspect was not

As Mr. Raviv was brought into the court-room he shouted, "This is a political in-vestigation!" On Monday, he called a radio station from hiding to claim that the

that killed Mr. Rabin.

Mr. Amir was apparently alone when he fired three shots at Mr. Rabin as the prime minister entered his car at the end of a peace rally in Tel Aviv. Investigators are trying to determine whether he was part of a rightist conspiracy to kill Mr. Rabin for his efforts to make peace with the Arab world and withdraw Israeli troops from parts of the West Bank.

Just after the assassination, Mr. Raviv said his group "admires the lad for his sincerity, for standing behind his words." He also said, "This man Rabin is responsible for the murder of hundreds of

He said in a radio interview that he knew Mr. Amir, "but he does not belong to our

unit and we deny any connection to the

Mr. Raviv has been arrested before, In September he was arrested in connection with the killing of a Palestinian man in the West Bank town of Halhoul. Five Israelis dressed as soldiers entered the town, barged into houses, beat up unarmed men and shot a 23-year-old Palestinian while

his father, bound and gagged, looked on.
He was released on bail soon afterward.
Few Israelis have been convicted for attacking or killing Palestinians.
Eyal was formed in 1992 at Tel Aviv

University by students who declared that two other Kahanist groups were "all talk and no action," said Ehud Sprinzak, an

expert on the radical right.

Mr. Kahane preached that Israel was for the Jews and that killing Arabs strengthened the Jewish people. He promoted the forceful expulsion of Arabs and Israel's perpetual control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

On Wednesday, as police officers fanned out into the West Bank to raid the hideouts of Kahanist militages, the gazantee.

dio station from hiding to claim that the police were persecuting his group.

The arrests bring to four the number of people charged in Mr. Rabin's murder on Saturday. The authorities have already charged the assassin, Yigal Amir, a law student who the police said was connected to Eyal, and his brother, Hagai, who they said hollowed out the heads of the bullets

Link Hilled Mr. Rabin

On Wednesday, as police officers fanned out into the West Bank to raid the hideouts of Kahanist militants, the government formed a commission to investigate Mr. Rabin's assassination. But it limited the scope of the inquiry to the stilling discontinuous distributions of the bullets.

The commission will not take up the

The commission will not take up the broader issue of Israeli extremism, as some cabinet members had wanted.

The cabinet, in its first meeting under Prime Minister Shimon Peres, heard a scathing report from investigators about the handling of Mr. Rabin's security.

As a result, the head of the unit responsible for guarding Mr. Rabin, a branch of the Shin Bet domestic intelligence agen-cy, resigned. In addition, the head of the socalled VIP security unit was fired and two bodyguards were suspended.

The report criticized the bodyguards for letting Mr. Amir loiter around Mr. Rabin's car. It faulted them for not clearing the area

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## Russians Agree to Serve With U.S. Unit in Bosnia

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BRUSSELS - Russia and the United States agreed Wednesday on a face-saving way of allowing about a thousand Russian combat troops to participate in a NATO peacekeeping force in Bosnia by serving

with an American division there. Defense Secretary William J. Perry and Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev said they had agreed in talks at NATO headquarters here that a Russian brigade consisting of two or three infantry battalions could participate in the peacekeeping force this way without technically taking orders from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

General Grachev said, "I would have to draw pictures and show you diagrams," when he was asked for details about how might go forward, but I doubt very much the arrangements would work. Mr. Perry later explained, "What we agreed on today

was a solution for the military control of a Russian brigade that would be operating in an American division.

"If we get a peace agreement in Dayton, it will be very important to have Russian participation," Mr. Perry said, referring to the American-sponsored talks between Serbian, Croatian, and Bosnian leaders in Ohio. But, he said, Russia and the United States still had to resolve the disputed issue of the overall political authority underlying the peacekeeping arrangements. Wednesday's agreement supersedes a

compromise the two men reached in Ft. Riley, Kansas, last month to allow about 2,000 Russian soldiers to perform noncombat missions such as transporting sup-plies and clearing roads, U.S. officials said.

'If we can't work out the political control arrangements, the Fort Riley arrangements

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#### AGENDA

#### Iraqis Looked Into a Rare Weapon

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been investigating Iraq's weapons program in the aftermath of the Gulf War has told the Security Council that Baghdad experimented with a radiological weapon, a rare tool of warfare because of its un-

The Iraqis were looking into whether they could build shells or bombs packed with material heavily radiated in a reactor that could be dispersed in the air or over the ground to sicken or kill opposition forces. The United Nations is still in the first

stages of uncovering details of the program and does not yet know the extent of the experiments. But the inspector said documents showed it was part of Iraq's crash weapons program. (Page 7)



HIGH HOPES - Willie Brown of San Francisco, who forced a runoff with Mayor Frank Jordan. Democrats nationally got a boost in elections. Page 3.

## On the Internet, a Cyber-Sucker's Born Every Minute

By Jerry Knight Washington Past Service

Larry Cock was prowling for financial advice on the Internet one night when he ran across a message that trumpeted the glories of investing in a coconut plantation

in Costa Rica. Buying into a coconut plantation is "similar to a CD, with a better interest rate," Mr. Cook read in a message on his home computer in Topeka, Kansas. It came from a man in Pennsylvania who said his name was Scott A.

As little as \$10,000 could produce a 20 percent annual profit for the next 50 years, Mr. Frye offered in another message. "How much do you have to invest?"

for selling unregistered securities.

of the nation's first undercover investigators on the Internet beat.

Now facing a lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange Commission in addition to the state charges, Mr. Frye denies he was trying to sell unregistered securities on the Internet. He said in an interview that he doesn't know how the information about his coconut plantation got on to computer networks.

That's what makes controlling electronic investment scams so difficult, regulators say: It is difficult to track

Instead of sending a check, Mr. Cook served Mr. Frye computer messages and often impossible for investors to with a court order citing him and two companies he owns tell with whom they are dealing or where those people really are.

No sucker in cyberspace, Mr. Cook is the director of enforcement for the Kansas Securities Commission, one North American Securities Administrators Association - say they are gearing up to handle the new wave of swindlers who are using the Internet, commercial on-line services, computer bulletin boards and electronic mail to lure potential investors.

In the past few weeks, the SEC and state agencies have filed civil charges against people who were allegedly using electronic media to manipulate stock prices, promote chain letters, sell shares in a nonexistent mutual

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## **Phone Workers** In Japan Face **Massive Layoffs**

TOKYO - Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. will shed almost a quarter of its work force over the next five years to turn itself into a leaner organization amid a heated debate over its future, the company said Wednesday.

The move to restructure would make it one of the largest ever by a Japanese firm. Japan's largest telephone service op-erator plans to eliminate 45,000 of its 195,000 jobs by 2000 through early retirement and transfers to affiliated com-

It will also spin off several divisions into separate companies, NTT's president, Masashi Kojima, said.

As a result, NTT will be able to cut the cost of long distance calls because of the money saved, Mr. Kojima said.

NTT, a former government monopoly has been facing increasing pressure to streamline its operations as the government allows new competitors into telephone markets. The company's decision also comes as a

Japanese government committee debates whether to split the giant company into separate units, a move that would radically change the face of the Japanese telecommunications industry. Among the areas singled out by NTT for

cuts are directory inquiry services, tele-phone equipment sales offices, white-collar staff and other local offices.

(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

## Revitalized Orthodox Church Searches for Unity

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

ATMOS, Greece - With his flowing robes, beard and sculptured staff, Patriarch Bartholomew I looks much like an ancient prophet. Indeed, his throne in Istanbul reaches back almost to biblical times. But the leader of the world's Orthodox Christians definitely thinks of himself as a man of this moment.

Just recently, he did as modern heads of organizations do: he called a meeting of chief executives, in this case the primates of the 15 independent Eastern Orthodox churches. They represent more than 170 million faithful, most of them in countries newly freed from

This exceptional gathering — the Orthodox primates had met only once before since the late Middle Ages - meant more than high-level talks on holy and temporal issues. The Orthodox Church, which has played a central role in history and culture across a region from St. Petersburg to Jerusalem, is at a turning point.

Nowhere else is the religious revival more intense than in the former East bloc, the stronghold of Orthodoxy. The collapse of communism and the end of militant atheism have brought such a flocking to the thousands of reopened churches and a revival of monasteries and seminaries that the overwhelmed clergy are begging for help and money.

Patriarch Bartholomew sees an even greater harvest. He believes that this is the moment for the independent Orthodox churches, long isolated and fragmented by politics, to come together and to rebuild the role they long held as a great force in Christendom.

We now have the possibility to speak with one voice," he said in September as he traveled by ship to the great assembly on the Greek island of Patmos.

Other primates and archbishops on board seemed to share that vision. Those from Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine want a stronger alliance because Western preachers of all creeds have been successfully encroaching on traditional Orthodox territory.

In Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus and Georgia, which border on the Muslim world, priests fear the rise of militant Islam.

But while post-Communist change has given Orthodoxy a burst of life, it has not brought peace to all its churches. Nationalist awakening has drawn the Russian church into con flicts in Ukraine and Estonia as those coun-

tries have pulled away from Moscow. Most painful to many prelates, the church has become a party to the war in Bosnia, where some clerics have openly sided with the Orthodox Serbs, against the wishes of the Serbian patriarch, Pavle. Relations between the Serbian government of President Slobodan Milosevic and the patriarch are very strained, priests from Belgrade said.

The Orthodox are quick to explain that they have always faced turbulence. In fact, when they speak of their church history, they cite a calendar of occupations and rifts. After the end of the Roman Empire, the Greek-speaking Eastern churches with their different Byzantine littingy began to drift apart from Western Christianity, which used Latin.

The split came in 1054, when the Pope in Rome ordered the excommunication of the Patriarch of Constantinople because of theological differences. By the 15th century, the Turkish Ottoman empire had drawn a Muslim line through the southern Orthodox lands of the Balkans, though it tolerated Christian practice. Yet when Ottoman rule finally col-



Joseph Duval, left, president of the conference of French bishops, and Patriarch Bartholomew I after saying a prayer in Lourdes, where the conference was held.

lapsed early this century, the northern Orthodox were overrun and persecuted by communism's militant atheists. Such strife has kept the churches apart.
"The resilience of the religion has been

amazing," said the Reverend Leonid Kishkovsky, a Russian priest based in New York, noting that as communism closed and destroyed churches, new communities grew stronger as far away as Western Europe, North America and Australia.

"Today, as the primates search for unity, some old fault lines are reappearing and setting fresh obstacles. Behind the brotherly sermons there are new rivalries.

of power, Istanbul and Moscow. Patriarch Bartholomew I, whose see in Istanbul makes him "first among equals," has been at odds with Patriarch Aleksei II of Moscow, who heads the largest church.

The Moscow patriarch even boycotted the Patmos assembly. He said that he had stayed away because of serious differences with the see in Istanbul over church politics in Estonia On the ship sailing for Patmos, Patriarch Bartholomew was asked about the issue. He explained that early this year he had supported an Estonian request for autonomy because it was Stalin who had forced Estonia's parishes to submit to the Russian church. But the Moscow patriarch has taken this as a challenge to his authority.

He insists this was for him to decide and at the very least he should have been consulted." a Russian priest said.

Divisions are worse in Ukraine, where the Orthodox are now split into four groups, each claiming rights based on schisms in the 17th century and early 20th century. Most now want to secede from Moscow. In this case, too, the Moscow patriarch has accused Istanbul of unduly encouraging the wayward movement.

Losing Ukraine's 7,000 parishes would be a serious blow to Moscow. Ecclesiastical institutions are the least damaged in Ukraine because two-thirds of the churches that stayed open in the Soviet Union were there.

It has also provided Russia with priests; about 70 percent of seminarians came from Ukraine in Soviet times.

#### Some theologians think that the dismemberment of Russia's enormous church may be as unavoidable as the breakup of the secular Soviet states. They see it as one way of paying a political debt. The opening of the KGB files in 1992 offered ample evidence that some Russian and other Orthodox bishops had col-

laborated with the Soviet secret police.
One simmering contest involves the church of Greece, which for much of communism saw itself as a guardian of Orthodoxy. It cherishes its place as the cradle of the primitive church and the Greek clergy is still present in the historic centers of Istanbul and Jerusalem and places like Cyprus, Albania and North America.

But some Greek prelates find cause for alarm in the renaissance of the Russian church. They are convinced that Moscow is using its weight and power to regain its place at the center of the Orthodox world, at the expense of the Greek-led patriarchy in Istanbul.

Timotheos, the archimandrite, or abbot, of a large monastery near Athens, recounted his confrontation with a Russian bishop:

"At a conference I asked him, why do you

Russians try to dominate the Orthodox world? He replied: Because we are 200 million people. So I said: Then why didn't you let the Chinese run the Communist world? They were the biggest. He didn't answer me."

OSCOW is frustrated that Greece will not accept more young Russian monks on Mount Athos in Greece, where there is a cluster of 20 monasteries long considered Onhodoxy's main spiritual center.

Suspicious Greek abbots want to limit Russian novices because early this century almost half of the 7,500 monks on Athos were Russians. "They want to flood us again," a Greek

Across the East bloc, though, reviving the closed or dilapidated monasteries and seminaries may be the easy part. The shorthanded clergy there now have to relearn almost all the roles from which they were cut off, including education and pastoral and social work.

This is one more reason why church leaders, despite their rivalries, want to break out of their isolation and cooperate more closely. The main question here is how the regional churches, each one fiercely jealous of its independence, should deal with one other.

Clerics say they are talking about creating new channels or even a formal structure, but not one similar to a central authority like the

Much may depend on Bartholomew, who as the most senior figure provides a forum, sets the agenda and acts as a pivot. In truth, the ecumenical patriarch also needs the support of the other primates because of his own pre-carious position in Istanbul. His diocese there has only about 2,000 faithful left and Muslim fundamentalists and Turkish nationalists have demanded that Turkey expel him.

Since he took office in 1991, the 55-yearold patriarch has shown uncommon energy and visited all the church primates in the East. This summer he saw the Pope in Rome, and he was in Paris this week.

#### **COMING UP**

Elisabeth Rehn, a maverick in her former job as Finland's defense minister, makes clear to everyone she meets in the former Yugoslavia that she has no friends, no enemies and no favorites.

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## Afghan Women Face New Threat

#### Fundamentalists Forcing UN Workers to Stay Home

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York -- Women are being forced out of their jobs at UN offices in Afghanistan because of threats by self-appointed conservative Islamic councils. officials say.
In Jalalabad, in eastern

Afghanistan, where UN agencies are caring for more than 100,000 Afghans recovering from civil war, at least three UN offices have kept women home rather than risk the collapse of their programs, officials said.

A fundamentalist Islamic movement known as the Taleban is said to be behind the effort to keep women --- from cleaners to engineers, teachers and health workers — in their homes. The Taleban have captured Jalalabad and several other cities in Afghanistan and are now poised to attack Kabul, the capital.

The enforcers of the effort are local groups called shuras, which are organizing mobs to assault women on their way to work at international agencies or volunteer organizations and to sack the offices that employ them, officials say.

Peter Hansen, head of the UN Affairs, said some Afghan until their contracts expired. But Taleban.

he acknowledged that they risked losing their jobs if a compromise could not be reached. .

He said the confrontation posed a "terrible dilemma" for UN agencies, including the Commissioner Refugees and Unicef.

Private organizations work? ing in Afghanistan and human rights groups say they are out: willingness of the United Nations to abandon women for the sake of smooth relations with religious conservatives.

In a letter to the UN Human Rights Committee, Pamela Collett of the Pakistan-Afghanistan field office of Save the Children, said, "The ques-tion is, should UN agencies continue programming which benefits only males and/or employs only males in accordance with the shuras' decrees?'

Envoy Suspends Work
A UN special envoy in Afghanistan's civil war said-Wednesday that he was sus-pending his mission to let Afghan factions negotiate among themselves, Reuters re-

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The envoy, Mahmoud Me-stiri, told reporters during a Department of Humanitarian brief visit to Kabul to meet with Mr. Rabbani that the Afghanwomen were continuing to work at home or were on paid leave direct negotiations with the

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### 'Some Hope' of Averting SAS Strike :

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Scandinavian Airlines System said Wednesday it had "some hope" that Norwegian and Swedish cabin staff planning a two-day strike beginning Thursday would call off their action.

The 2,300 cabin staff members walked off the job last Thursday ; and Friday to protest scheduling changes by SAS. They vowed to do the same this week unless their demands were met.

"The two parties are currently negotiating, and we hope they-can reach a compromise today," said an SAS spokesman, Troels' Rasmussen. He added that if no agreement was reached by a midnight deadline, "between 250 and 300 flights will be can-celed, especially in Europe."

#### Paris Maintains Air Pollution Alert

PARIS (Reuters) - Health authorities advised children and old people in Paris to avoid prolonged outdoor exercise for the thirdconsecutive day Wednesday in an air pollution alen triggered by the season's first cold spell.

The authorities said that stable cold weather without wind was preventing nitrogen dioxide from car exhaust fumes from dis-

## New Alarm Over Russian Air Safety 🗈

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian air safety is declining dramatically, and the percentage of serious accidents due to insufficient air traffic control has risen sharply in the 1990s, a senior aviation official said Wednesday.

Alexander Travnikov, director of Air Russian Air Traffic, told the Interfax news agency that the number of fatalities per 1 million passengers had risen from one in 1990 to 5.5 in 1993 and to 32 in the first quarter of 1994. The international average is less than one per 1 million passengers.

The share of accidents due to inadequate air traffic control has risen from 25 percent to 35 percent in the 1970-1980 period to about 50 percent in the 1990s, he said.

International airline passenger traffic rose 8 percent in the first nine months of 1995, and freight traffic increased 11 percentthe International Air Transport Association reported. (Reuters)

Voters in Aspen, Colorado, rejected by a margin of 60 percent: to 40 percent a measure to expand the city airport's runway to handle bigger jets.

A huge duck migration through the middle of the United-States appears to be winding down after forcing a temporary suspension of operations at airports in Kansas City, Missouri; Des-Moines, Iowa; and Omaha, Nebraska. The airports shut down forseveral hours last week after the gigantic flocks overwhelmed airport radars.

Increases in New York City subway and bus fares that were: to have taken effect on Sunday have been blocked by a federal' judge. The fares would have increased to \$1.50 from \$1.25. Suburban train fares are still scheduled to go up an average 8.5



PARIS — British Airways is

'entirely responsible' for an

unscheduled 1990 stopover in

Kuwait that let Iraqis take the

passengers as hostages for up to

three months, a French court

a lawsuit brought by 61 French

passengers, ordered the airline

to pay 400,000 francs (\$80,000)

to those who were held a month.

and 600,000 francs to those

The civil court also ordered

who were held three months.

The Paris tribunal, ruling on

ruled Wednesday.

Between The Opera and The Madeleine FF 1450 daily

one or two pers - breaklast included every Fnday.Saturday.Sunday and every day Dec. 15 to Jan. 14

The court said damages had been calculated according to U.S.-led forces. how long each of the hostages been rejected.

Flight BA149 from London to Kuala Lumpur landed in months. Kuwait City on Aug. 2, 1990. the day of the Iraqi invasion that were warned there could be an triggered the Gulf War. Iraqi air strike by the Americans."

British Airways to pay another soldiers seized the aircraft. 60,000 francs to each of the Most of the 360 passengers and detained passengers' 48 chil- crew aboard the Boeing 747 dren as compensation for their were later used by Iraqis as human shields to protect strategic sites from potential bombing by

Paris Court Rules British Airways at Fault in Hostage Case

'The last two months were was held. Similar lawsuits in really terrible — psychologi-England and Scotland have cally and physically." said Gabriel Chardin, a passenger who was held hostage for three

"It was really difficult. We

A British Airways spokes-man said in London that the airline would consider an appeal. The spokesman, who declined to give his name, called British Airways and its crew were as much a victim as any of the passengers."

The lawsuit contended that the airline placed the passengers in danger by making the umplanned stop. Iraq had declared war on Kuwait several

Saddam Hussein's troops occupied the Kuwaiti capital. The plaintiffs alleged that the landing, which was not listed on the ruling "an extraordinary their tickets, was made to drop decision in a situation where off British commandos. By so

doing, the flight was transformed into a military flight that endangered the civilian passengers, argued their attorney, Dominique Menard.

hours earlier, and by the time allegation that British comman-

British Airways said the Kuwait landing was a normal stopover and that its liability

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was limited by the Warsaw Convention, which makes an British Airways' lawyer, airline responsible only for in-Fernand Garnault, had coun-juries or damage resulting from juries or damage resulting from tered during the trial that the an accident on board a plane. (AP, Reuters)

ed. He read a statement by

Prime Minister John Major

denying the accusation and say-

ing that the full invasion of

Kuwait was not expected at the

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## Australian Spy Chief Seeks Regional Anti-Terrorist Effort

CANBERRA — Australia's counterespionage chief called Wednesday for greater security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, warning that increased terrorist activity was likely in the area.

The director-general of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization. David Sadleir, said the region had sufficient local elements, including ethnic and religious disputes and separatist movements, to sustain a steady level of terrorism.

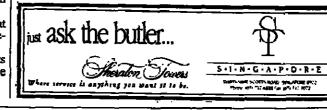
Affairs here that other terrorist bodies, frustrated in Europe and the Middle East, were also moving to the

But the current counterterrorist arrangements required to meet the threat lack coordination, he said. There is by the standards of Western Europe and ment of known or suspected terrorists. North America, a fragmented counterterrorist effort,"

He told the Australian Institute of International prospect of more." Mr. Sadleir said he could offer no prescription for an Asia-Pacific anti-terrorist grouping but his agency would continue to work to strengthen

The key, he said, was to create a mechanism that would permit rapid communications about the move-"There has been a greater incidence of terrorists

he said. "At best," he said, the region "can expect no moving to or through the regions nearby us, and I have less terrorism, and it seems to me there is a credible to say that generally we are kept well-informed."



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WASHINGTON - Democrats have won the Kentucky governorship and all other statewide offices there, held off a Republican assault in Virginia a Republican assault in Virginia and won back control of the Mississippi voters bucked a national trend by rejecting a Maine House in the first signs of a comeback after repeated electoral defeats for three

The best news for the Republican Party was in Mississippi. where Governor Kirk Fordice easily won a second term. But a high-powered Republican bid to take over the Mississippi Senate fell short of expectations.

The voting Tuesday in the off-year elections included dozens of mayoral contests, including a mudslinging brawl in incumbent, Frank Jordan, against the former speaker of the California California Assembly, Willie Brown, and a prominent lesbian activist, Roberta Acht-

Mr. Brown and Mr. Jordan, a former police chief, will face the election into a midterm refeach other in a December runoff because neither won at least half the vote. Mr. Brown had 33.9 percent to Mr. Jordan's 31.4 percent.

Ms. Achtenberg, a former federal housing official who trailed with 27.4 percent, conceded the race early Wednesday and endorsed Mr. Brown. Five other candidates split the remaining votes.

Incumbents who won easy re-election bids included Democrats Kurt Schmoke in Baltimore and Edward Rendell in Philadelphia, and Bob Lanier in Houston's nonpartisan con-

Leaders of both national parties closely watched the gubernatorial contests in Kentucky and Mississippi and legislative races in Virginia, Mississippi and Maine to see whether the Republicans would build on their gains of the last two

The results were mixed. In Kentucky, Lieutenant Govemor Paul Patton narrowly defeated Larry Forgy, a lawyer, dashing his hopes of becoming the first Republican in the Kentucky governor's mansion since Louie B. Nunn left office in

Mr. Patton, a millionaire coal operator, interpreted the results as a referendum on national politics: "Kentucky has said Dole. Kentucky has said 'no' to cuts in Medicare,' he declared, adding: "Kentucky has a reterendum on the stewardship of Mr. Gingrich and the Republican Party nationally. Still it make heart in the stewardship of Mr. Gingrich and the Republican Party nationally. Still it make heart in the stewardship of Mr. Gingrich and Bob adding: "Kentucky has said 'no to the 'Contract with

America. The Democrats were jubilant, but the White House could not consider the victory much of an endorsement because Mr. Patton had distanced himself from President Bill Clinton and. in a big tobacco state, had vowed not to support him in 1996 if the president kept push-

ing curbs on smoking.
In Mississippi, Governor Fordice, 61, recycled the conservative, anti-government message he used to defeat the incumbent Ray Mabus four years ago to become the state's first Republican governor since 1876.

But Mr. Fordice didn't have the coattails to bring Mississippi Republicans anywhere near capturing the nine seats they would have needed to control the state Senate.

In Maine, Democrats won two special elections and reclaimed a one-vote majority in the House. They had temporarily lost control of the House earlier this year because of party switches.

In New Jersey, where all 80 state Assembly seats were contested. Republicans maintained their lopsided majority. Among the dozens of propo-

sitions decided by voters: • A proposal in Maine to prohibit laws aimed at protecting homosexuals from discrim-

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let American Indians install slot and video-poker machines at their casinos and give every registered voter part of the

proposal to limit terms for elected and appointed officials. So far 21 states have set term limits for state lawmakers.

Republicans had invested by far the most effort and money in Virginia, where the party was trying to cap its sweep of Congress last year by winning the Virginia legislature for the first time since Reconstruction.

But the Democrats kept control of the House of Delegates as well as effective control of the Senate, where the outcome left the chamber split, 20 to 20. San Francisco that pitted the That means Lieutenant Governor Donald S. Beyer Jr., a Democrat, will break any ties.

By thwarting a Republican takeover in Virginia, the Democrats also delivered a sharp blow to Governor George F. Allen, who had sought to turn erendum on his administration. He had counted on a Republican legislature to win ap-proval of elements of his program that have been blocked.

"This was a rejection of the Gingrich revolution," Mr. Beyer said. "People want change, but they want to be sensible. You can't cut your way to prosperity. George Allen will have to work with Democrats to pursue mainstream policies.'

Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican National Committee, sought to play down the nationwide results. 'It's a very good year for us,' he said, though I wish we could have won them all."

But Democrats, while acknowledging that local issues dominated the scattered elections, sought to draw national conclusions on the outcome.

Even as he savored the victory, Donald L. Fowler, national chairman of the Democratic National Committee, agreed that the Kentucky race was fought on Kentucky issues. But trying to have it both ways, he said, "The contention that somehow there's a Republican tide sweeping the county is just malarkey.

In Kentucky, the contest was as much about local issues like roads and taxes as about national concerns. Both Mr. Patton and Mr. Forgy sought to make it a referendum on the too much into the outcome, particularly since it was so close.

any national implication. "That was a pretty tall mountain and we made it almost to the top, he said. He accused the Democrats of staging "a negative, personal smear attack" to hold on to the governor's of-

's showing was impressive. In the last two races for governor, the Republican candidates did not draw more than 35 percent in Kentucky.

Still, Tuesday's overall results were a blow to Republicans, who in 1993 won important mayoral races and in 40 years.

In Virginia, the national parties poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into the battle over the state legislature.

A former governor, L. Donglas Wilder, said Tuesday night: "This juggernaut some thought was sweeping the land got mired in Virginia. The voters said, 'Hold up, old buddy.' Governor Allen failed. He put

everything on the line." J. Scott Leake, director of the Joint Republican Caucus, countered that "Democrats really capitalized on fear in the closing days. Everything was what will happen if Republicans win.



Paul Patton celebrating his victory over Larry Forgy on Tuesday to keep the Democrats' grip on the governor's office in Kentucky.

## First City to Elect Black Mayor Picks White One

GARY, Indiana - Nearly 30 years after Gary became the first major American city to elect a black mayor, residents have chosen a white man for the job, saying that change, not race, is what they

The mayor-elect, a Democratic lawyer named Scott King who faced three black moving forward together." opponents, garnered more than seven

Supporters said they hoped Mr. King's and voted for Mr. King. "King is the best times as many votes as his closest rival in large margin of victory would finally man for the job."

the Tuesday election. In his victory silence questions of whether a white perspeech, Mr. King said that voters in Gary, son should lead a black city. which is 90 percent black, had focused more on the city's high crime rate and depressed economy than on race in choosing a mayor.

"It's not about race," Mr. King said.
"This election is about all of us, all of us

Richard Hatcher, who became the first black mayor in a major American city when he was elected in 1967, was vocal in his opposition to Mr. King, as was the incumbent mayor, Thomas V. Barnes.

"They had a chance," said Calla Hegwood, who dismissed their arguments

## So, What's Become of the Tax Break?

#### A Few Will Get Windfalls, but Most Won't Be Affected

By David E. Rosen New York Times Service

cularly since it was so close. political crossfire over the Re-Mr. Barbour pooh-poohed publicans' tax cuts that are now erage tax cut under the Senate \$30,000 — would have a tax class family by any reasonable gress, a crucial point has generally been overlooked: Most Americans' taxes would not be \$30,000 to \$50,000 would be plan, an assertion that was based on a misreading of stanistics developed by the congressional tax affected one way or the other. A computer analysis shows chines. that the big budget bill passed by the Senate last month would

Despite his defeat, Mr. For- not change the taxes paid by 68 Justice, a union-sponsored remillion households, or 55 per-States. That is mainly because these families include no children under 18 and sold no investments during the year. About 13 million households,

or 10 percent, would have their tax measures were often made taxes increased or would receive to seem more consequential governorships and last year a smaller payment from the govwon their party's first majori- emment under the earned-inties in both houses of Congress come tax credit than they would otherwise receive. This figure will almost certainly drop before the bill becomes law.

vestors can expect windfalls.

But for most of the 43 million keep more of what they earn." to buy a soda out of many ma-

The computer analysis was be no more than 10 percent and taxes would be reduced by conducted by Citizens for Tax might be as low as 1.5 percent, \$1,500, or more than 20 permillion households, or 55 percent of all of those in the United ermnent data. Tax specialists in Congress and the treasury department do not take issue with the analysis.

In the congressional debate on the budget legislation, the than they really are.

For instance, Senator Spencer Abraham, a first-term Republican from Michigan, declared, "In part, I came here to the U.S. Senate and ran for this office so Middle-class families with that families who are sending too specific circumstances can exseveral children and wealthy inmany of their dollars to Washpect a windfall in the years

making their way through Con- bill for a family earning increase under the Republicans' \$30,000 to \$50,000 would be plan, an assertion that was based

> In fact, the proportion would depending on how "tax increase" is defined. The details of the tax legis-

lation must still be worked out in the Senate-House conference committee on the budget legislation. But two main provisions seem certain to be in the final measure: a \$500-per-child tax credit for middle-income taxpayers and a reduction in the maximum tax rate on capital gains - the profits from the sale of investments --- to 19.8 percent from the current 28 percent.

That means that taxpavers in many of their dollars to Wash- pect a windfall in the years ington would get a chance to ahead, assuming the overall

budget is enacted. For example, taxpayers who would get a tax. On the other side, many a family that consists of two break, the amount would be Democrats stated or implied that schoolteachers earning \$35,000 WASHINGTON - In the quite small. For instance, ac- more than half of all taxpayers apiece who have three children definition. If they have no other income, this family can expect to pay about \$7,000 in federal veloped by the congressional tax income taxes this year. But if they get a \$500 tax cut for each child next year, their income taxes would be reduced by

> Wealthy investors are the other category of taxpayers who would stand to benefit most from the legislation. For instance, someone who sold \$1 million worth of stock that cost \$500.000 would save \$41,000 in taxes — the difference between a tax rate of 28 percent and one of 19.8 percent on a profit of \$500,000.

#### POLITICALNOTES

#### Senate Delays Vote on Abortion

WASHINGTON --- Abortion-rights proponents won their effort Wednesday to delay Senate action on a bill banning some rare late-term abortions until hearings are held.

Before a vote could be taken to send the bill to the Judiciary Committee, the measure's sponsor heeded the advice of the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, and gave up his effort to prevent hearings.

"Senator Dole and I have discussed this and while neither one of us thinks this is necessary, we do think it may not be a bad idea in that the more one learns about this horrible procedure, the harder it is to defend it," said the bill's sponsor, Bob Smith, Republican of New Hampshire. The Senate voted, 91 to 6, to give the committee 19 days in

which hold hearings.

Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, a candidate for his party's presidential nomination, had led the effort to defer the measure by sending it to the Judiciary Committee for hearings. President Bill Clinton opposes the bill. The House has already approved it. Proponents in the Senate objected to the delay, saying

hearings were not necessary because the House had already devoted a day to testimony. Mr. Smith threatened to attach his bill to other legislation

unless it was given a vote on its own merits. The bill would impose a two-year prison term and fines on any doctor who "partially delivers the living fetus before

killing the fetus and completing the delivery."

The doctor also would be liable for civil damages if sued by the woman's family. The bill provides, however, that during court proceedings an acceptable defense would be that the procedure was necessary to save the mother's life.

#### Gingrich Shrugs Off Veto Threat

WASHINGTON - The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, shrugged off a suggestion from the White House on Wednes-day that President Bill Clinton would veto any spending or borrowing bill that binds his hands in his budget duel with

"I'd like to negotiate with the president," said Mr. Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, "Idly sitting down at the White House issuing veto threats is not a very useful step towards gov-

Mr. Clinton's press secretary, Michael McCurry, had suggested that the president would veto any bill that contained controversial extra provisions or restricted the administration's ability to juggle the books to stave off default. "The president is not going to let them use default to try to accomplish other issues," Mr. McCurry said. "He's also not going to let them, in the process of dealing with default, ruin this government's ability to regulate its own financial affairs."

With government spending and borrowing authority about to expire, a bill raising the nation's debt limit until Dec. 12 was expected to reach the House floor on Thursday. But House conservatives were prepared to demand add-ons such as the elimination of the Commerce Department and the restriction of appeals by many criminal defendants. (AP)

#### Quote /Unquote

Steve Merrill, governor of New Hampshire, endorsing Bob Dole for president on Wednesday, giving the Republican front-runner a boost in the leadoff primary state at a time when his poll numbers have slipped: "I believe if you want to live in land of the free, you must also live in the home of the brave, and my friend Bob Dole is a brave American." (AP)

#### Away From Politics

 Lawyers for the families of Ronald L. Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson have filed papers in court strongly opposing the request of O.J. Simpson that all pretrial proceedings, including his deposition, in their wrongful death cases be kept secret. "We will resist Mr. Simpson's attempt to conduct this lawsuit in secrecy," said Daniel M. Petrocelli, the attorney who represents Fred Goldman, Ronald Gold-

 Four youths with razor-blade cutters attacked a 45-yearold man and stole his artificial leg, leaving him bleeding on the street in New York. An ambulance crew later found John Hammonds, who had lost his leg to cancer years ago, crawling away for help. The attackers, ages 15 to 20, were arrested after another man's cheek was slashed for 30 cents, the Daily News reported. They were charged with first-degree robbery and

 Storms and tornadoes that whipped across Georgia. North Carolina and South Carolina crushed mobile homes, injured dozens of people and ripped off roofs. A twister in Albany, Georgia, injured at least 30 people and caused millions of dollars in damage. In South Carolina, 22 people in 16 counties were injured.

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## **Executives Grilled** In Seoul Inquiry

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The opposition, meanwhile, for next April. dismissed the investigation as

Prosecution authorities conhelping Mr. Roh launder \$39 The opposition dismissed the million of the \$650-million summoning of business leaders

\$79 million and hid the money money from Mr. Roh for his in its bank accounts, prosecu-tors said. 1992 campaign. Political commentators said

The most conspicuous of the country's six high-profile busi-

General's Office for question- fering kickbacks or donations ing on prime real estate, in- to Mr. Roh, who has confessed cluding office blocks and golf to amassing a \$650-million

Agence France-Presse courses, that the group bought SEOUL — Some of the leading the early 1990s. It is thought ing figures in the South Korean that these were acquired with business community, including Mr. Roh's slush money, a se-

Mr. Shin's daughter is marfor questioning Wednesday in a ried to Mr. Roh's son, Jae Hun, probe of Mr. Roh's illegally who earlier this year joined the amassed funds, and a prosecuruling Democratic Liberal Partor said the giant Daewoo ty with an eye to the National Group was deeply involved. Assembly elections scheduled

Aggressive property invest-ments by the Dong Bang group, built around its edible oil firm, firmed reports that they had ev- have long triggered rumors that idence that the Daewoo (business) Group was involved in slush fund for Mr. Roh.

slush fund he amassed while in as a charade aimed at clouding office from 1987 to 1993. the overriding issue of whether A smaller group, Hanbo, the incumbent president, Kim helped Mr. Roh launder another Young Sam, received slush



BATTLING IN TAIPEI — Supporters of Huang Huang-hsiung, leader of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, fighting with police Wednesday in front of the governing Kuomintang's headquarters. They demand that country's six high-profile business leaders questioned on Wednesday was an in-law of the former president — Shin Myoung Soo, owner of the Dong Bang Corporation.

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world, including the owners of Samsung, Dong-A, LG, Daelim and Hanil groups, on suspicion

The LG Group owner, Koo was the Hyundai honorary chairman, Chung Ju Yung, who home Wednesday after seven told prosecutors he would sub-

mit himself on Thursday. Two other big names in South Korean business, the Daewoo Group leader, Kim Woo Jung, and the Lotte Group owner, Shin Kyuk-Ho, were summoned on Wednesday, but Also summoned Wednesday

#### BRIEFLYASIA

#### 8 Timorese Flown to Portugal

JAKARTA — Eight East Timorese men who sought asylum in the Dutch Embassy left Jakarta on Wednesday evening on a flight to Portugal via Amsterdam, an official of the International Committee of the Red Cross said.

The official, Henri Fourier, head of the committee's

delegation in Jakarra, said: "On the request of the Dutch government and with the full acceptance of the Indonesian authorities, the ICRC has been asked to facilitate the immigration to Portugal of these eight persons from East Timor." He said Portugal, the former colonial power in East Timor, had pledged to accept them.

(AFP)

#### Malaysia Seeks to Defuse Critics

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia said Wednesday it had stepped up efforts to create a "Malaysian Page" on the Internet to counter criticism in the foreign press, just days after threatening to ban Asiaweek, a regional newsmagazine, for alleged

"We will use the Internet to overcome the problem of confusing reports on Malaysia made by groups bent on undermining the confidence of investors in the country and its leadership," Information Minister Mohamed Rahmat was quoted as saying by the Bernama news agency. (AFP)

#### Interference in Tibet Is Denied

BEIJING — China has rejected allegations of religious repression in Tibet, saying that citizens were free to choose and practice their faith and accusing critics of trying to bring the region under foreign control.

The article in the Oct. 30 edition of the Tibet Daily, seen here Wednesday, appeared ahead of a secretive meeting that began Monday in Beijing and is believed to be focused on the controversial selection of the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, Tibet's second-highest religious leader. (AFP)

#### China Faults Factory Polluters

BETING — China's mushrooming township enterprises are emitting "dangerous" levels of pollution, with 20 million ventures spewing out 4.3 billion tons of waste water last year, reports said Wednesday.

Entrepreneurs pay too much attention to profit and growth rates while neglecting the impact of their activities on the environment, the Guangming Daily quoted Xia Haiyong, a professor at Nanjing University, as saying.

(AFP)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Fidel V. Ramos, president of the Philippines, partly blam-ing some officials for the high death toll from the typhoon designated Angela and threatening to take them to court for negligence: "How many years have we been talking about disaster preparedness? After several years we expected every municipality to have a preparedness and action plan. (AFP)

Ian Perkin, chief economist of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, about Hong Kong's 3.5 percent unemployment rate, which is high, historically, for Hong Kong and has prompted populist calls for legislative action: "It's a beautiful political issue. It's a dreadful economic

## Sri Lankans Reject Relief Agencies' Plea

## Aid to Refugees Is Blocked

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

COLOMBO - As its ad-Jaffna, the government has rejected appeals from the United Nations and international relief agencies for permission to mount stepped-up independent Call for a Cease-Fire operations to care for tens of thousands of people who have

fled the fighting.

Instead, President Chandrika
Bandaranaike Kumaratunga has

mediate cease-fire in the war and said the flight of refugees from the rebel-held north was out of announced that all food, shelter and medical care must be funneled through the government's

own relief operation. The president's move may put at risk some of the growing support her 15-month-old government has received from Western countries in its effort to defeat the rebels.

northern tip of this island country that has dramatically altered the balance of the war with the rebels' organization, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

In fighting that has caused at least 5,000 casualties on the two Philippines have agreed to re-

sides, government troops have arrived, and temporarily halted, almost at the gates of the city of Jaffna, where the Tiger rebels, fighting for an independent state for Sri Lanka's Tamil mi- Communist Party said that the nority, have made their headquarters for five years. Many Tamils who live in the

from Jaffina into areas of the law of the sea." region still under rebel control. Relief agencies, supported by accounts given by refugees between the Viennamese deputy arriving in government-held ar-eas south of the peninsula, have and his Philippine counterpart. spoken of vast encampments of Rodolfo Severino. people living in the open, in monsoon rains, with little food, shelter, or medical care.

Some accounts have warned of a risk of endemic diseases, including diarrhea and cholera. UN relief agencies joined a number of relief organizations active in Sri Lanka during the 12-year-old conflict, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, to request the government's help in mounting emergency operations to deliver supplies across government lines into rebel-held areas.

After a meeting Monday at

quests were turned down. Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar said at a news con-

ference that the government vancing troops tighten their was skeptical that the agencies grip on the rebel-held city of would run relief operations impartially and suspicious that large amounts of aid would be diverted to rebel military units.

Moderate Tamil groups on Wednesday called for an im-

control. Reuters reported. "The loss of life has been unprecedentedly heavy," the groups said in a statement, and "people are facing starvation."

#### Hanoi Sees It came after a three-week government military offensive on the Jaffna Peninsula at the Spratty Talks With Manila

solve peacefully disputes about the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, the Nhan Dan news-

paper reported Wednesday. The official organ of the two sides would settle disputes over the Spratlys "through peaceful negotiations in a spirit peninsula, between 100,000 and of friendship and equality, and 400,000 according to various in accordance with the United estimates, have moved eastward Nations 1982 convention on the

> The report followed talks in Hanoi on Monday and Tuesday

> The meeting, the fourth annual bilateral talks between the two countries, focused on the Spratlys and the South China

The archipelago, thought to be rich in oil, is claimed in whole or part by Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. It is considered a potential military

The two men stressed their countries' commitment to making the islands an area of peace. stability, cooperation and development, and urged all con-Temple Trees, Mrs. Ku cerned parties to respect basic maratunga's heavily fortified international principles governing the sea.

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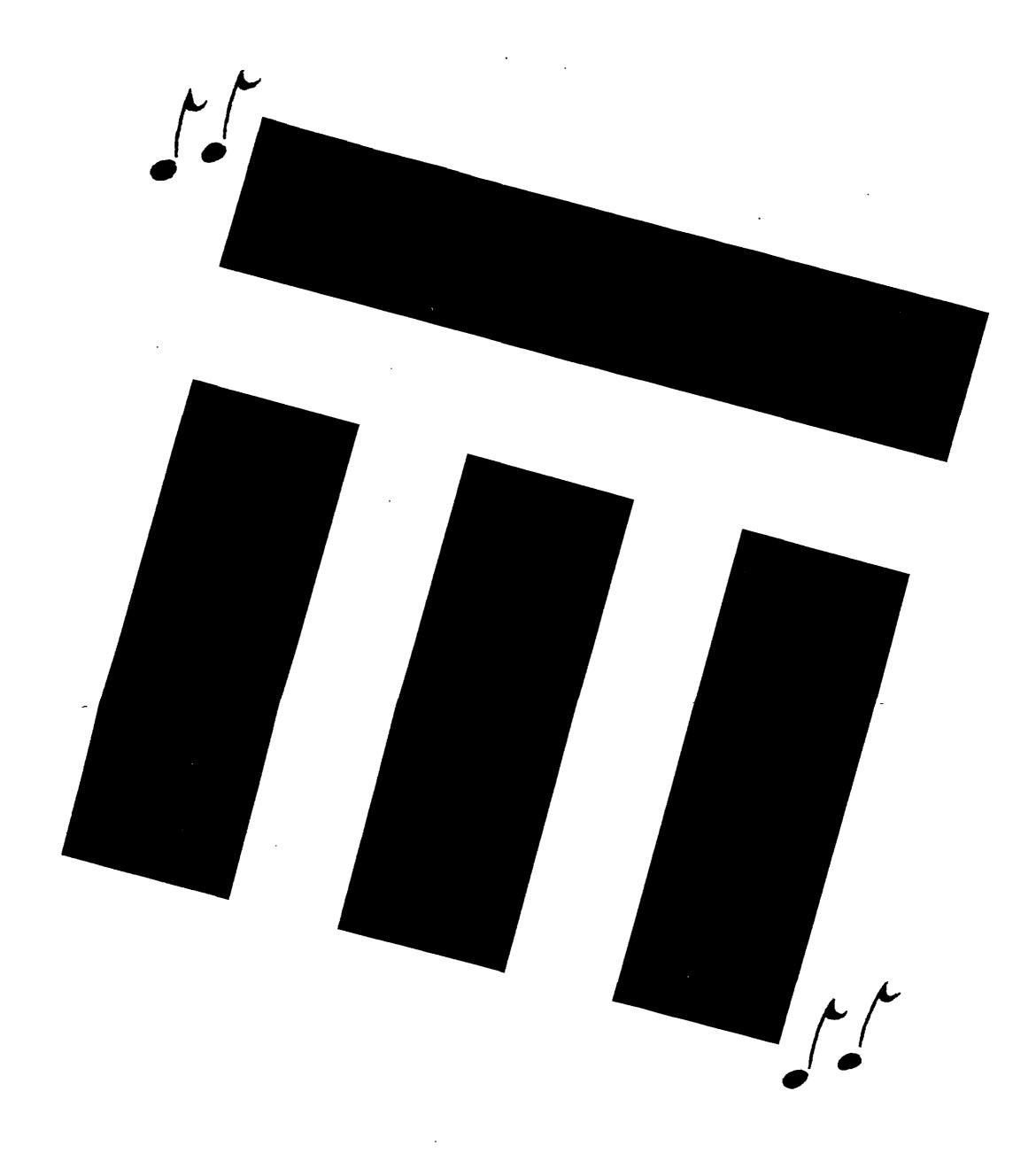
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#### Tears Amid Many Candles

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

TEL AVIV — Perhaps it was service in two weeks and does the moment when Yitzhak Ranot relish the idea. bin's granddaughter broke down and sobbed at his funeral. Perhaps it was a phenomenon that had already been building in the peace songs and the ral-lies that preceded his death.

However it is explained, the assassination of the Israeli leadto a spiritual fervor among many of Israel's young people that many other Israelis regard as extraordinary — a blend of adulation and idealistic political belief borne by a sense of deep, personal loss.

there are defining images of the nation's grief, they lie in the visions of young people lighting countless candles at makeshift memorials in central granddaughter's voice at the burial Monday, when the 18year-old, Noa Ben-Artzi, spoke of Mr. Rabin as "the pillar of fire before the camp.'

"I felt that she said things that many of us thought were said Noam Bacharach 14, a high school student who went Wednesday to deliver a condolence letter to the Rabins' high-rise apartment house in a rainy Tel Aviv suburb.

When he was shot, we felt we lost a part of ourselves, that we lost a grandfather, too."

For some, the torrent of young emotion represents a benchmark change. "When he fell as a victim' said Mr. Ra-bin's widow, Leah, the spectacle of "all those children and all those youth coming up to speak for him and what he was doing" showed that something had shifted.

We are living in something that was not true two days ago," she said. By contrast, in the most cynical of views, the passions are restricted to young. secular people, and reflect a display of sentiment that has oc- calling the hospital as Mr. Racurred simply because young bin's car rushed him there. people gather instinctively, whether at a rock concert or icized Shin Bet for lacking inschool yard, because emotion is telligence information on rad-

the currency of adolescence. Yet, in Israel, teenage years have harsher connotation than to protect itself against further in many other countries: from violence. Attorney General age of 18, every Israeli must

serve three years in the army. The peace that Mr. Rabin might inspire copycat killings. that Mr. Rabin's murder was omised, thus, represented the "There is a serious danger of sanctioned under Jewish law. promised, thus, represented the offer of a new life without mil- a grave disruption of the rule of itary duty, disruption and danger order — up to the point of anan offer that is perceived by other political murder." he said him of incitement by praising many to have been withdrawn or in an interview with the newsat least cast into doubt.

If there is going to be peace, the next generation is the one Rubinstein said: "We have to man for the Kach movement

that is going to make the changes," said Saev Sagir, 18, a student who is to start military

People are really scared of going into the military," he You are going to fight for your life every day."
Roten Albelda, 23, said.

'It's like there's a big hole in me, or a big ball of confusion and fear." Mr. Albelda, an El er has inspired something close Al airline steward who, with Mr. Sagir, fumbled to light a candle in the newly renamed Yitzhak Rabin Square in central Tel Aviv on Wednesday. It was there that the Israeli leader was shot to death by another young Israeli, 25-year-old Yigal Amir. on Saturday night. "I really trusted him," Mr. Albelda said of Mr. Rabin. "I trusted the way he was leading us.'

Tom Segev, an author and Tel Aviv and in the catch of the columnist, wrote in Ha'aretz newspaper that "the most surprising thing this week was the readiness of young people to

adopt Rabin as their hero. They sat around candles, wrote down songs on paper, scorched the edges of it and placed them in front of themselves as if they were sacred."

"Maybe, who knows, the children thought that Rabin was giving them a new world without basic training in Gaza," he wrote. In Yitzhak Rabin Square formerly Kings of Israel Square — thousands of candles burned, but squalls of rain sweeping in from the Mediterranean quenched many of them. Still, though, as the rain eased people still made their pilgrimages to light the candles anew.

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as Mr. Rabin descended into the

basement parking lot, for not guarding his back and for not

In addition, the report crit-

The government also moved

public that the assassination

Education Minister Amnon

ical anti-Arab groups.

paper Haaretz.



An agent patrolling Wednesday outside the prime minister's office in Jerusalem as the Israeli cabinet was meeting.

## **Berlusconi Group** Fails to Agree on **Coming Budget Vote**

ROME — Italy's centerright political grouping led by former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi failed to agree on mentary vote on the government's 1996 budget.

Mr. Berlusconi, in a statement issued at a meeting with other party leaders in his Freedom Alliance political grouping, said the center-right would before the Senate, only if radical changes were made.

"The Freedom Alliance will vote against the budget unless the amendments made to it are so radical and so much in line own ideas as to allow us to make a different appraisal of

the package," Mr. Berlusconi

His position appeared contrary to that of his moderate allies, who have said that the Wednesday over a key parlia- group should be more openminded about improving and then backing the budget

Raffaele Costa, leader of the Federalists and Liberal Democrats said, "There are important issues on which we are substantially in agreement, support the budget, currently and there are other not-unimportant aspects on which we must still establish a common position.

Mr. Costa said one area still undecided was whether the Freedom Alliance would prewith our own program and our sent amendments to the budget when it reaches the Chamber of Deputies later this month as a unified group or whether each party in the alliance would suggest its own changes.

The budget has to be ratified by the Senate by Nov. 16. It is then scheduled to pass to the lower chamber for debate on

Prime Minister Lamberto tions or political demonstrations and Dini should have no problem getting the draft budget law accepted in the Senate, where his center-left supporters can

But he faces a much tougher where the Freedom Alliance, together with the Marxist Communist Refoundation, have the

votes to kill the package. Mr. Dini, whose budget aims to trim next year's deficit by 32.5 trillion lire (\$20.4 billion), Italy's economy.

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Mr. Dini has said he would once the budget is adopted.

#### Only Jewish Extremists Back Killer's View of Law violence is justified only if there is no Nov. 20.

By Debbi Wilgoren Washington Post Service

Yigal Amir's claim that Jewish law obligated him to kill Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin echoes the most extreme possible interpretation of ancient biblical and religious texts, and it is anathema to all but the most radical fringe of Orthodox Jews, according to interviews with rabbis and Middle East scholars.

Mr. Amir sickened Jews around the world by announcing in a Tel Aviv courtroom Monday that "the murder was my obligation" according to religious law. But those who have studied the growth of religious extremism in Israel and among American Jews said into crystal, winter sunshine, his declaration was rooted in radical moral codes outlined in the last two years by a handful of rabbis determined

or violate the peace or endanger

democracy. Up until now, the

police, the prosecution and the

attorney general have not pros-

ecuted those who committed in-

citement, including incitement

Grief over Mr. Rabin's death

apparently has not altered the

The police were searching

rhetoric of some who opposed

had distributed leaflets saying

that Mr. Rabin's murder was

And they detained one rabbi

Mr. Rabin's assassin. His name

Noam Federman, a spokes-

his peace efforts.

was not released.

ISRAEL: 2 New Suspects Are Arrested in the Assassination of Rabin

to prevent the loss of land they consider sacred in exchange for a promise of peace they consider impossible.

the Jewish people to an alien people is suited only if there is no other way to stop a threat, such as elected they consider impossible.

the Jewish people to an alien people is guilty of the sin for which the penalty is other way to stop a threat, such as elected they consider impossible.

To them, the 73-year-old war hero was Palestinians, whom they call a modern Amalek, the nation that battled against the ancient Israelites as they fled bondage in Egypt and whose memory God ordered Moses to "utterly blot out." These zealots considered Mr. Rabin a

traitor or "pursuer" intent on eroding the Jewish state, the rabbis and professors said, adding that the eminent 12th century scholar Maimonides said that a traitor must be killed if doing so will prevent others from being harmed. "According to Jewish law, any one

person who willfully, consciously, intentionally hands over human bodies or clare a political opponent a traitor, these

son to fear for his life because of Beneath was the caption: "Yi-

gal Amir lives.'

The family of Mr. Amir,

"A great tragedy has befall-

their home, addressed to the

act against all those who infounded by Kahane, suggested showed Mr. Rabin and Mr. dulge in incitement to murder that Mr. Peres should have rea-Peres dangling from a gallows.

his role in peacemaking with

been killed by Palestinians who

Jews to a situation where they

are afraid to take buses, afraid

kill him," Mr. Federman said.

Arba, a Kahane supporter said

Tapuah, students paid homage

A drawing on a bookstand

against the government.

to the gunman.

He said Mr. Peres was vul-

'Any Jew that brings other

the Palestinians.

Hecht of Brooklyn told New York Magabandoning their cause for that of the azine in October, explaining why he de-Palestinians, whom they call a modern clared in June that Mr. Rabin should be killed. "And according to Maimonides - you can quote me - it says very clearly: 'If a man kills him, he has done a good deed.'

Across the United States and Israel, hundreds of Onthodox rabbis decried this interpretation as blasphemous.

Those who would support Mr. Amir are taking rabbinical law out of context, several rabbis and Jewish studies professors said, and are misusing the law to justify extreme political positions. An individual is not qualified to de-

**SCAM:** 

"A guy who does this is not Or-dox," said Rabbi Steven Dworken, thodox,"

executive director of the 1,000-member muster a majority. Rabbinical Council of America, which condemned anti-Rabin rhetoric before fight in the lower chamber, the slaying.

Middle East scholars agreed that

discourse.

those who condone Mr. Rabin's slaying make up the barest fraction of the tens of thousands of Orthodox Jews who oppose the peace talks on religious grounds. But they said Mr. Amir's action could be seen as the most extreme has said passage is crucial for extension possible of the Messianic religious rhétoric that has fueled the Orthodox Zionist settler movement since resign at the end of the year human property or the human wealth of experts said. Even if he were, they said. Israel captured the West Bank in 1967.

> 1985, "cannot understand the postwar history of Ger-

Easy Pickings Continued from Page 1

however, was contrite. The fund and lure investors into an nerable because Israelis have family posted a letter outside

imaginary eel farm. "I expect we are going to have a lot more of this," predicted the commissioner of seen us and the entire people of curities in Texas, Denny Craw-

Israel with our son's murder of ford. to walk on the street, any leader Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Though regulators are learnthat does that has to be afraid The loathsome murder caused ing quickly about the scams, stop all of them.
"With a 'boiler room." terrible tragedy that shook to its

In the settlement of Kiryat foundations the education and values we have taught to our Ms. Crawford said, meaning a he expected the outlawed group children - love for the Jewish place where "investments" are from southern Israel, accusing to keep up its call for violence people, respect for one's fellow sold by phone, "you have a physical location you can track man, love for the country and And at a Jewish seminary in for Jewish values," the letter down. Sometimes it's very difsaid.
"We ask for forgiveness and ficult to figure out where an electronic message emanated. It can take substantial resources to track it down."

And, she said, computers and on-line communication can lend credibility to an investment scheme that more savvy people might otherwise avoid Generally, people are sophisticated enough to know they should be very skeptical of people who call on the phone. But when one sits down in a front of a computer screen, one's de-

fenses tend to drop. The incentive can be reward-

Richard Adelman of the Boston office of the SEC said: "If vou have an Internet connection and can get your ad out and hundreds of thousands of people read it, all you need is a few

to make money."

This week, the SEC obtained a court order against a German woman, Reneta Haag, who it contends took in more than \$1 million selling notes that

promised investors returns of 200 percent to 400 percent a year. The commission claims that she worked with associates in Missouri and North Carolina who used investor areas on CompuServe and America Online to contact investors.

An investment offer that is posted on a computer network is subject to state securities laws in any state where it can be received, regulators said. So, most on-line investment

scams can be prosecuted under existing mail and wire fraud laws, they said. But they have to find them first.

#### EUROPEAN **TOPICS**

Keeping a Memory

Of Old Berlin Wall The hated Berlin Wall was still a fresh memory when Berliners began plan-

ning ways to mark its path. for memory's sake. Within six months of the first symbolic breaching of the wall. in 1989, one million tons of concrete had been disposed of; selected pieces were sold to memento hunters, but most was crushed and used for paving material.

Today, only two portions of the main wall still stand (on Bernauer Strasse and Niederkirchner Strasse); only one of 215 watch towers is still in place. Tourists wander, sometimes in vain, in search of vestiges.

There has been no shortage of ideas for marking the wall's course.

Several artists proposed in April 1990 that it be planted in lupine, with its white, rose, yellow or blue flowers. One woman suggested a "silvery band" of aluminum; another artist wanted a colorful concrete mosaic. Last November, copper bands were installed over one short stretch of the

wall. But most of those who spoke at a hearing in June on how best to mark the wall pleaded for a sober approach, reports the weekly magazine Der Spiegel. This could well be an idea pushed by Albert Eckert, a Greens cultural spokesman: a double row of cobble-

"It's a material very typical of Berlin," says Mr. Eckert. Meanwhile, the remain-

ing fragments of the wall have taken on new impor-

"Anyone who has not seen the wall," said Man-tred Fischer, a priest whose East Berlin church, in the wall's shadow, was dynamited by authorities in

many.

Around Europe

Lively competition make that fierce competition - will hit French funeral homes Jan. 1, when a law deregulating the death business takes effect. Key players have wasted no time. In July, SCI, a big American company with branches in Canada and Britain, bought out the funeral subsidiary of Lyonnaise des Eaux, which had been losing market share. The Pompes Funebres Européennes and its allied Roc'Eclerc have built a 5 percent share of this 5 billion franc market, which includes coffins, hearses and rental of casket bearers. But deregulation is expected to profit the many small providers. The fight will be over a shrinking pie - people are living longer in France, home of Jeanne Calment, the world's oldest living person. And it will be at least five years before the graying of the Baby Boom

again. A Dutch court dropped a murder charge this week against a doctor accused of killing a severely deformed newborn. The ruling by the Amsterdam Court of Appeal further erodes the country's strict limitations on euthanasia. Government guidelines demand that patients repeatedly and lucidly ask for death. Tuesday's decision --- in the case of a 3-day-old suffering in excruciating pain from severe brain, spinal and leg deformities -was seen as opening the door to so-called mercy killings of those unable to ask for death.

allows business to pick up

Euthanasia is still techrtically illegal in the Netherlands. But doctors who follow the guidelines are virtually guaranteed of immunity from prosecution. International Herald Tribune

# NATO: Russia Agrees to Let Its Troops Serve in U.S. Division in Bosnia

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that the two will both be done," a Defense Department official

Russian officials insist that the United Nations should have der of the Russian force. overall political control over the mission, and France has also Shevtsov, would take orders dimade similar arguments.

The United States and most all NATO needs is a Security Council resolution authorizing deployment of the force. The NATO allies have agreed that UN officials would not have

itary operations of the NATO ican general in charge of the N. Yeltsin, insisted that his in after a settlement is reached George A. Joulwan. in Bospia.

Mr. Perry and General Grachev said that the comman-Colonel General Leontii P. rectly from the commanding general of the American diviof the rest of the allies believe sion with which the Russians

peacekeeping force once it goes peacekeeping force, General forces could never serve as sub-

eral Joulwan would be commanding the peacekeepers in his role as supreme NATO military commander in Europe, American officials said.

to participate somehow.

ordinates of the alliance he and But the Russians would turn many of his compatriots saw as their principal adversary during the Cold War.

and General Grachev on their third meeting on the subject was largely sleight of hand, tingent and perhaps by the fact

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**UNION:** Kohl on France

absolution.'

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prepare a joint position with France." Mr. Kohl said Germany would probably not be able to ing to the thief. get all it wanted at an intergovernmental conference next year but would push for further European integration in areas like crime and immigration.

"We need to take another decisive step," he said. Mr. Kohl again called for both a deepening and a widening of the EU, repeating that Germany's eastern border must not constitute the Union's eastern border.

He added that there could be no political union without economic and monetary union. But he said Germany had to move "step by step" in winning its partners over to the German point of view.

He also said the fact that only Germany and Luxembourg fulfilled the Maastricht treaty economic criteria for joining in a single currency was "momen-

tary."
He also repeated that it was

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(Reuters, AFP, AP)

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Mr. McNamara returning to his hotel in Hanoi on Wednesday after talks at the Institute for Foreign Relations.

## A Call to 'Draw the Lessons of Vietnam' McNamara, in Hanoi, Delivers Anti-War Message

HANOI - Robert S. McNamara, the U.S. defense secretary during the Vietnam War, told his former enemies Wednesday that the conflict he helped to escalate should be a lesson for humanity in the next millennium.

Mr. McNamara, 79, spent almost three hours talking to students and experts at the Foreign Ministry's Institute for In-ternational Relations.

"We have to draw the lessons of the Vietnam War to avoid other wars in the next century," a Vietnamese source quoted him as saying.

Mr. McNamara reportedly said that the United States had "underestimated the fighting spirit" of the Vietnamese peo-

He played a major role in escalating the war in his 1961-1968 tenure at the Pentagon, but acknowledged this year in his memoirs, "In Retrospect," that decisionmaking in Washington had been riddled with errors. Mr. McNamara's book, greet-next year involving several of the key ed with widespread indignation in the players in the conflict. United States, described the war as "a tragic mistake.

A Vietnamese diplomat described Mr. McNamara as a "historic figure" and

said that his visit was "overwhelmingly symbolic and emotional, as he no longer

carries any political weight." "If he had come before the normalization of ties, it would have been far more important," the diplomat said.

The United States and Vietnam completed the normalization of relations three

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months ago, after the 20th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Mr. McNamara arrived in Vietnam late Tuesday to help organize a conference on the Vietnam War to be held

The emotional climax of the visit is likely to come Thursday, when Mr. Mc-Namara is to meet with his former enemy. General Vo Nguyen Giap, now 83.

2 Dissidents Sentenced

Vietnam sentenced two longtime Communist dissidents to prison Wednesday on charges of acting against the in-terests of the state, and the family of one of them was quoted as saying he might not survive the sentence, Reuters reported from Hanoi.

Hoang Minh Chinh, 76, and Do Trung Hieu, 57, were imprisoned for 12 months and 15 months respectively, a court official said. He said both would be given

15 days to appeal their sentences. Mr. Chinh, a former head of the Institute of Marxist-Leninist Philosophy, was first arrested in June.

His family said that he had been accused of having circulated a petition call-ing for the rehabilitation of more than 30 senior officials purged during the 1960s.

Mr. Hieu, a former soldier and war veterans' activist, was arrested at the same time, reportedly for distributing anti-communist propaganda.

A Paris-based group, Alliance Viet-nam Liberté, quoted Mr. Chinh's family and a doctor as saying there were serious concerns about his health and that he might not survive his prison term.

## **UN Hears of Iraq Radiation Bomb**

## Probe Finds Baghdad Looked Into Rare Weapon

By Robin Wright Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON -- In a new revelation about Iraq's weapons programs, the chief UN weapons inspector. Rolf Ekeus, has told the Security Council that Baghdad experimented with a radiological weapon, a rare tool of warfare

because of its unstable nature. The weapon would take material heavily radiated in a reactor and disperse it in the air or over the ground to sicken or kill

opposition forces.

The damage from the explosion in 1986 of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor in Ukraine was due to the dispersal of highly radioactive particles — the same

Mr. Ekens's briefing Tuesday.

The United Nations is still in the first stages of uncovering details of the program and does not yet know the extent of weapons program.
A UN official said Tuesday:

All we know at this stage is handle. that the Iraqis were interested in irradiating material and then dispersing it with traditional means of explosives — bombs or artillery shells."

Few countries have tried to develop radiological weapons. In the early 1980s, the United

prohibit their use. But the proposal never got anywhere.

During the Korean War, the Baghdad's experiments. But re- radiological weapon, but decid- broad interpretation of Resolucently uncovered documents ed it would be too unstable and tion 707, which deals with nushow it was part of Iraq's crash complicated, arms experts said. Radiological weapons are among the most dangerous to

"Most people considered it a

pretty dumb weapon." said Charles Duelfer, deputy chief arms inspector at the United Na-

principle as the proposed Iraqi jointly proposed a treaty at dis-weapon. UN officials said after armament talks in Geneva to clear, chemical and biological

weapons and ballistic missiles. Although the weapons do not cause nuclear explosions, Mr. United States reportedly toyed Ekeus told the Security Council with the idea of developing a that they might be covered by a

> clear programs. In an interview, Mr. Ekeus said Iraq had not yet provided any of the necessary documents to support its claims that it has destroyed biological weapons.

"We haven't seen the documentation, so that gives us cause for concern," he said. The Radiological weapons are not Iraqis generally kept detailed covered under UN Resolution records on the origin, manu-687, which in 1991 called for the facture, use and destruction of States and the Soviet Union destruction of Iraq's weapons of major weapons systems.

#### **UN Retains** Trade Ban **Against Iraq**

UNITED NATIONS, New York-The Security Council on Wednesday left the five-yearold trade embargo against fraq unchanged at its regular sixweek review, diplomats said.

With United Nations inspectors still reviewing data on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, there was little chance that any council member would ask for an easing of any of the embargoes, partic-

ularly the ban on oil exports. Iraq has been under sanctions since it invaded Kuwait in August 1990. Among the Security Council's demands is the scrapping of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, which is linked to

the oil embargo.

Britain's chief delegate, Sir John Weston, said, "It is the will of the council to continue the existing sanctions.

He said that Iraq had not complied with arms demands, returned stolen property taken during its occupation of Kuwait or stopped its terrorist activi-

U.S. Justices, in Shift, Bolster Seizures of Criminal's Assets prosecutors to take cars, houses what Mr. Libretti would have

By Joan Biskupic

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court has strengthened the hand of prosecutors to seize a drug trafficker's properry and possessions. The court ruled, 8 to 1, that after a criminal accepts a plea bargain, a judge need not determine whether all the assets seized by the government were tied to the defendant's crimes.

The justices also ruled that the defendant need not be told that he is waiving a right to a jury trial on the government's 1992 with several federal seizure of his property and bank accounts. The majority said forfeiture is an element of sentencing and, as such, is not covered by the constitutional right

to a jury trial. parture from the court's recent trend of placing limits on the government's ability to demand asset forfeitures as an el-

ement of criminal sentencing. Defendants' rights advocates said the ruling may encourage prison, at least 10 years less than

and other property that is not gotten if he had been convicted connected to the wrongdoing.
Some of the proceeds from the sale of seized property often go to the prosecutors and police agencies involved in the case.

Justice John Paul Stevens, who dissented, cautioned that the decision could allow 'a wealthy defendant [to] bargain for a light sentence by volun-tarily "forfeiting" property to which the government had no statutory entitlement."

The defendant in this case, Joseph Libretti, was charged in crimes arising from his alleged operation of a cocaine and mariin Wyoming and Colorado. Four days into a trial, Mr. Libretti signed a plea agreement The ruling, arising from a under which he agreed to plead Wyoming drug case, is a de-parture from the court's recent tinuing criminal enterprise and give up several pieces of property, various firearms, bank ac-

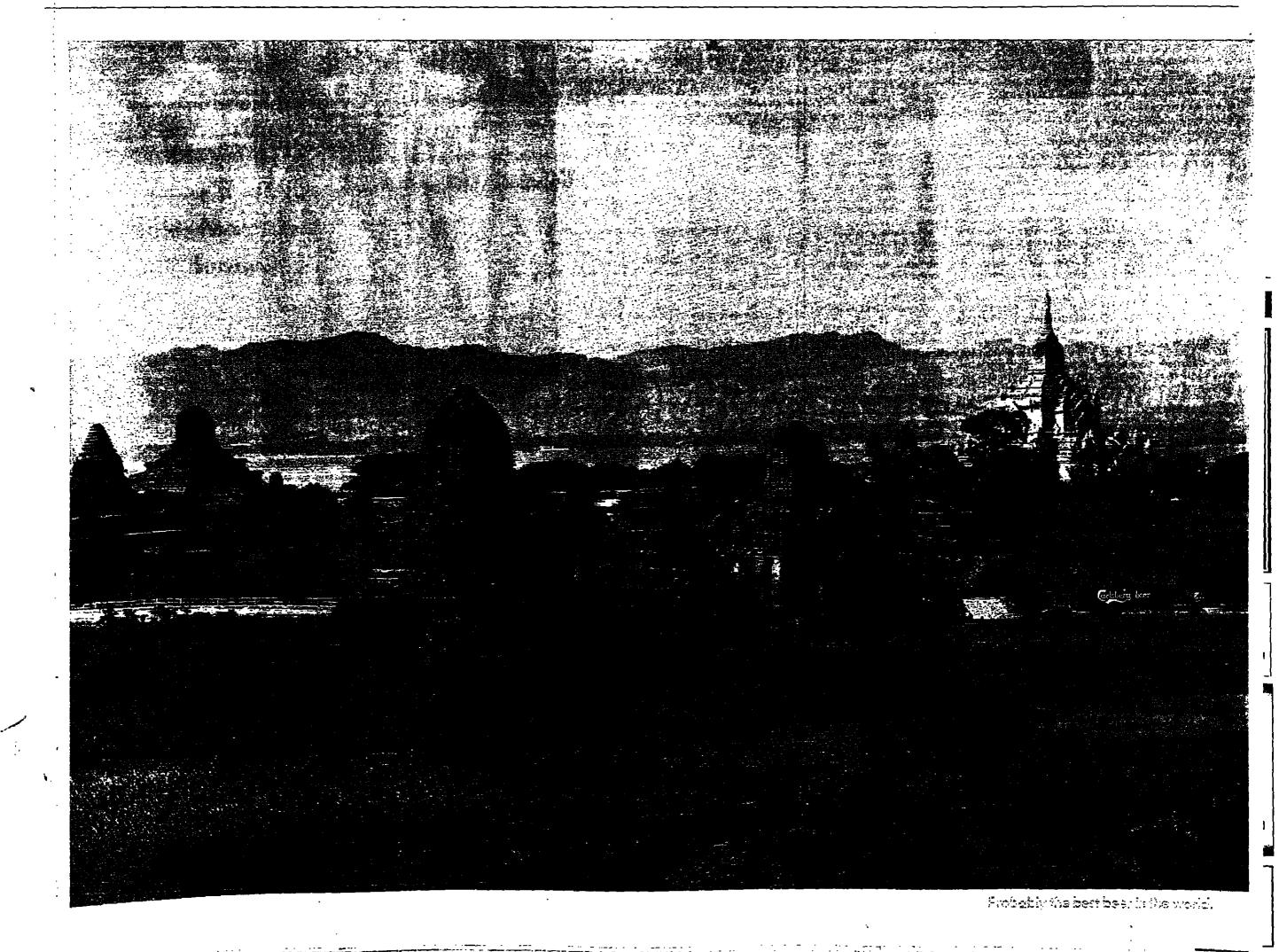
counts and other assets. The government, in return, sought a sentence of 20 years in

on all the other charges. The pleadeal also said Mr. Libretti waived his right to a jury trial. but the judge did not fully explain that he was also waiving a

trial right on criminal forfeiture. Among the property seized was land in Wyoming, two condominiums, two automobiles, a mobile home, computers, a diamond ring, cash and bank accounts. Mr. Librarti argued that the judge should have made factual findings on which items were actually tied to his crime.

In its ruling Tuesday, the Supreme Court said the federal statute on which Mr. Libretti reana distribution organization lied for judicial fact-finding relates to a defendant's admission of guilt in a plea agreement.

A forfeiture provision embodied in a plea agreement is of an entirely different nature." Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said for the majority. "Forfeiture is an element of the sentence imposed following conviction or, as here, a plea of guilty, and thus falls outside the scope" of the fact-finding rule at issue.



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## In Sofia For Business

TSUM, the big state-owned

department store. Next to

minaret of the city's only re-

facade studded with deep-

western terminus of the yel-

low road, is one of the city's

most fashionable shopping

streets and a main north-

south artery. It features the

National Museum of Histo-

ry, at Vitosha and Alabin

Street, housing a huge col-

lection of antiquities and ex-

the city's largest Orthodox

church, gilds the Sofia sky-

line to the east. Behind the

church, octogenarian dowa-

gers sell elegant handmade lacework, and flea market

vendors hawk relics from

Bulgaria's communist past.

and many banks cluster

around the yellow brick square dominated by the

stark white Georgi Dimitrov

mausoleum, where the for-

mer dictator used to lie in

state. Official buildings in

the square were linked by a

secret network of under-

ground tunnels, which en-

abled party officials to travel

on the mausoleum's pavilion

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Most government offices

The golden dome of the Alexander Nevsky cathedral.

cavated treasures.

## Balkan Luxury At ITT Sheraton

SOFIA HAS BEEN A BALKAN crossroads for more than 5.000 years, inhabited by Romans, Greeks, Turks and Slavic tribes from the north. The city as it is today dates back to about 1878, when the Third Bulgarian kingdom was established after 500 years of Turkish dominance.

In 1989, Sofia emerged from nearly 50 years of communist rule a pleasant, bustling city, still bearing the varied influences of its past.

Though Socialist architecture has left its ugly mark on the city center, a unique blend of architectural styles can still be found between the concrete monoliths. Because the city center developed on top of the others that went before it, it is not unusual to find archaeological excavations in the most unusual places.

Sofia, despite high postcommunist inflation, is one of the least expensive European capitals. Largely undiscovered by travelers, Sofia has taken to capitalism with a vengeance, as the quantity of new shops, cafes, kiosks and street vendors makes clear. You can buy a Turkish coffee, a newspaper (if you can read Cyrillic) and a cheese-filled banitza pastry for under a dollar, without leaving the sidewalk.

Having spent years in relative isolation, Bulgarians are hospitable and curious about foreigners. Given an opportunity, most will ask a wayward traveler as many questions as possible - within the limits of language and etiquette constraints - about his or her home, country and

But be prepared. Sofianites are extremely well-educated, and they pepper their conversation with cultural, literary and geopolitical references that will keep even the well-informed on their

#### Getting Around

Sofia is a city of 1 million built to accommodate only quently, traveling on foot is both a necessity and a challenge, requiring pedestrians to blaze a trail around cars parked on the sidewalk, open manholes, road construction, the occasional stray dog and a plethora of vendors.

Public transportation costs only a few cents, but trams and buses are dirty and crowded by Western standards. Tickets are available from kiosks, which are usually located near major stops. Schedules are not precise just wait a moment, and your transport will be around in awhile.

Taxis, usually rickety Ladas or Moskviches, are well-marked, inexpensive and plentiful, but expect a thrilling ride, since drivers must negotiate the same obstacles as pedestrians do. Tipping is not expected, but is appreciated.

#### At a Glance

Orienteering in Sofia is an adventure, where winding narrow streets often lead to unexpected destinations. An up-to-date map is a must: Nearly 500 streets renamed during communism have now been re-renamed.

Luckily, many offices and tourist sites are located in the center of town, which is dominated by "the yellow brick road:" the Tsar Osvoboditel, whose gold-glazed bricks begin on the northern side of the Sheraton.

#### Wining & Dining

Cafés and restaurants spring up and wither in Sofia at a pace that guarantees that any list will soon be out of date. "Kafe," or café, usually means "no food." The Cyrillic word "Pectopalit" means

restaurant.' Dining out is inexpensive and fun, since every restaurateur has his or her own idea of what an eatery should be. 05. Bulgarian wines are

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of the International Herald Tribune.

The road is flanked by among the best in Europe, and the best value as well. A local saying goes: "Only TSUM is the towering drink the white wine when the red runs out."

maining mosque, whose The country's warm, dry mournful calls to prayer float climate is also ideal for across the busy square outside. Behind it is a bathhouse growing vegetables, so vegetarian dishes and salads are - though closed now and in usually fresh. No one leaves Sofia without having at least sad disrepair, its magnificent one "Shopska Salad" - a combination of tomatoes, cuhued glazed tiles still make it cumbers and peppers, topped Boulevard Vitosha, at the with shredded sheep's

> Reservations are usually not required, but it doesn't hurt to call. Restaurant checks sometimes include service charges, but if not, add 10 percent.

cheese and served with vine-

gar and oil.

The following restaurants have been around long enough to attract a following and offer a sampling of traditional cuisine and international food, newly available in Sofia.

Deva Spartak, Arsenalski Blvd. 4. Tel.: 68-60-98. Adjacent to the Nevsky Cathedral. Elegant and expensive, serving a well-rounded selection of traditional Bulgarian food. Diners eat to the din of cellular phones carried by Sofia's new class of businesspeople. Eddie's Tex Mex Diner,

Vitosha Blvd. 4. Tel.: 876-783. Serves Tex Mex-type concoctions favored by homesick Americans for lunch and dinner. Late at night, local bands sing American country-western music with a variety of ac-

Feya Indonesia, Tsarigradsko Schosse 61. Tel.: 468-127. This old state restaurant gone Indonesian recently hosted a dinner for Bulgarian President Zhelyu Zhelev. Delicious, fresh food, authentically prepared. Off the beaten track, with warm atmosphere.

Garden Club, Knyaz Boris St. 99. Tel.: 553-084. A newly renovated restaurant near the old communist headquarters, now the home of the ruling Socialist party, and a good place to see politicians Traditional Bulgarian food, fresh salads.

Krim, Slavyanska St. 17. Tel.: 87-27-50. Housed in unseen, magically appearing the gracious home of a former Russian diplomat. Serves a local favorite, trout baked on a ceramic tile. Good selection of Bulgarian and Russian dishes, and an excellent variety of Bulgariforeigners are street and an wines.

Montmartre, Hristo Smir-nenski Blvd. 36. Tel.: 665-521. Located on the edge of Lozenets, one of Sofia's prettiest residential neighborhoods. All dishes are innovative and tasty.

Venezia, Benkovski St. 12. Tel.: 876-364. One of Sofia's first pizzerias, with a wood-burning oven, long benches and a great ice cream selection for dessert. Be prepared to share your table with a few artistic types from the nearby theater.

#### Calling Around

Country Code: 359. City code: 2. Telephone connections are antiquated and notorious for breaking down. · First aid/ambulance: 150, 832-222, 515-3310.

• Police: 166. Fire: 160. Flight information: 793-

Taxis: 650-450, 1288. Tourist office (Balkantourist): 43-331. \* U.S. Embassy: 884-801 to

Elizabeth Williamson

**Next City** SEVILLE

ITT SHERATON IS ACTIVELY PAR- monuments, including Alexan- restaurant specializes in Bul- as many are these days, will ticipating in the rebirth of Sofia, the capital city of Bulgaria, with the Sheraton Sofia Balkan, a member of The Luxury Collection, a unique assembly of 48 of the most exclusive hotels in the world recently brought together by ITT Sheraton.

The handsome old hotel has been brought up to date with all the modern amenities, with special attention given to the luxury and elegance of its appointments. Located in the heart of the Balkan city, the Sheraton Sofia Balkan is within walking distance of the main business and administrative centers, as well as the many historical and architectural

der Nevsky Cathedral, and shopping areas. The Sofia Intemational Airport is just 11 kilometers away.

Life within the hotel is just as interesting as that outside its walls. Its 187 rooms, including 15 suites, are equipped with all the extras international travelers expect, and at meal time, guests can choose among the hotel's three in-house restau-

The Preslav Restaurant is well-known for its gourmet international cuisine, the Melnik Grill features the entertaining spectacle of chefs preparing grilled meat dishes in front of the diners, and the Balkan

garian cuisine. At the Wiener Café, quests can indulge in freshly made pastries with their coffee or tea.

The hotel offers an equally wide choice of activities for nightlife and relaxation. Exercise equipment, sauna, solarium, whirlpool baths and massages get guests in shape for an evening of live entertainment in the lounge; dancing at the Fantasy Nightclub, with its exciting stage shows; or trying their luck at the casino. The Lobby bar's open-air terrace. with its view of the city, is a pleasant and relaxing spot for

Those in Sofia for business,

find all their needs fulfilled at the Sheraton Sofia Balkan. The Business Center offers a complete range of secretarial services, and the hotel has two stunning ballrooms for highstyle business meetings, banquets and receptions. Up to 450 people can be accommo-

dated at a time. On top of all this, the Sheraton Sofia Balkan provides 24hour room service, an airline office and check-in desk, banking services, a travel agency, hair-styling salons and a souvenir shop.

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To Call Vote

Of Censure

MADRID - Prime Minister

Felipe González, undaunted by

the creation of a Senate com-

mittee to probe Spain's "dirty

war" against ETA in the 1980s,

dared his divided opponents

Wednesday to call a vote of no-

ist prime minister told Parlia-

Earlier Wednesday, the Sen-

ate formally set up an inves-

tigating committee that could

be even more politically dam-

aging for Mr. González than current court inquiries into the murders of 27 suspected

Basque separatists from 1983 to

The prime minister, who de-

nies any knowledge of this

campaign by security forces

and hired gunmen, was asked in Parliament whether the defeat last month of his 1996 budget

was tantamount to a vote of no-

confidence, as Economy Min-

ister Pedro Solbes has admit-

Increasingly cornered by the dirty war scandal, Mr. González has already promised to hold an election in March, a

He refuses to bring it forward

any further, knowing that,

while the opposition managed

to throw out his budget, it

would not be able to agree on an

alternative leader as required

before a vote of no-confidence

says a government cannot be voted out in Parliament before a

"constructive" alternative is

ready, with a new prime min-

ister and an agreed program of government. That is something

the broad spectrum of parties now arrayed against Mr. Gon-

The investigating committee

will begin formal proceedings next Thursday. A series of court

cases has already opened, and

the Supreme Court is now try-

ing to assess whether there is

enough evidence to prosecute

Mr. González for the dirty war.

It has asked Parliament to lift

the immunity of former Interior

Minister José Barrionuevo so

that he can be questioned as a

suspect in a particular kidnap-

The cases focus in part on

secret papers, already disclosed and published in the local press,

which the opposition says

prove the government engineered the illegal campaign.

The papers are part of a stash of more than 1,000 secret mil-

itary files stolen four years ago.

Mr. González toid Parliament

on Wednesday that the files still

had not been recovered.

zález could not muster.

The Spanish Constitution

year ahead of schedule.

no," he replied.

can be held.

"Under the constitution,

'You want to change the government? Submit a vote of censure," the embattled Social-

confidence.

## **Boost for War Crimes Panel**

#### U.S. Gives In on Intelligence Data

for security reasons.

United States will supply the White House press secretary, its inquiries, the State Department said Wednesday.

The department's spokeswe have any information, whether it's open-source infor- United States that he was dismation, unclassified information or intelligence information, that we believe is pertinent to the question of war crimes, we will find a way to get that was providing to the tribunal at The Hague.

Online States that 'quality and Christopher that two top Bosni-tineliness' of the information an Serbian leaders would have to be removed from power. He said that Radovan Mr. Burns said that in proto the question of war crimes, we will find a way to get that to" Judge Richard Goldstone, viding information of the control o

Mr. Burns's statement was at

such an outstanding and active role in this process

the notion of partition and even of ethnic cleansing?

homeland, but the opportunity must be offered to them.

many mistakes as well.

Slavonia into Croatia.

praising the successful European efforts to end this conflict?

Computed by Our Staff From Departure odds with the administration's have an obligation to do this WASHINGTON — The attitude on Tuesday, when the and we will do it," he added. He said U.S. officials would international tribunal investi- Michael McCurry, said there pledge their readiness to progating war crimes in the former were "certain types of intel- vide all relevant information to Yugoslavia with any intelli-ligence information that our Judge Goldstone when he visits gence information relevant to government cannot share with Washington next week. the international community"

Meanwhile, as the Bosnian sace talks continued in Ohio, Mr. McCurry was comment- the Clinton administration apman, Nicholas Burns, said: "If ing on reports that Judge Gold-peared to be divided over comstone had complained to the ments made last week by Secretary of State Warren M.

viding information to the tri-bunal, Washington would seek been charged with war crimes to protect the sources. "But we by the Goldstone tribunal, would have to go before NATO could send a peace force to the

former Yugoslavia. Mr. Burns said Tuesday that the statement represented official U.S. policy.
But other officials said Tues-

\* Hungarian Leader Praises U.S. Role day that he misspoke, and that such a position limited the flexibility of U.S. negotiators and put political constraints on a NATO military operation. "The charitable thing to say

Gyula Horn is the prime minister of Hungary. He heads a
Socialist-Liberal coalition that holds 72 percent of the seats in the
Hungarian Parliament. Mr. Horn, who once also served as his
country's foreign minister, spoke with Erik Ipsen of the International Herald Tribune in London.

The charitable thing to say is that the secretary didn't quite get it right," a senior official said. "Certainly it is sometimed." we all feel emotionally and Q. Are you encouraged by the opening of the Bosnian peace morally. But it is not the U.S. government's position."

The lack of a unified position on deploying the NATO force — which would include up to A. I find it positive that American foreign policy has played Q. Are you disappointed that today you could not instead be A. The European Union committed a lot of mistakes earlier, at the tension between the urge to the beginning of the 1990s. Earlier, the Americans committed make peace at a time when the three Balkan presidents seem to Q. Some observers have criticized the peace talks as bowing to want to do so and the desire to see that those responsible for A. The ethnic composition in many areas has changed. Indeed atrocities are brought to justice not certain that everyone will be able to go back to their tice. (Reuters, NYT) it is not certain that everyone will be able to go back to their tice.

## Q. How hopeful are you that the talks will succeed? A. Late last month, I went to Belgrade. What I noted there was Serbs Pardon that the decisive majority, not counting the extremists, are interested in ending the war and in restoring peace. The economic sanctions have had a very severe impact on the Yugoslav economy, especially on the economy of Serbia, practically paralyzing it. Q. What do you see as the key issues to be resolved in the

Reuters
BELGRADE — David Rohde, an American journalist, A. In the course of discussions I have had both in Belgrade and has been freed from a Bosnian in Zagreb a few basic issues have emerged. There is a need for a Serbian prison after being comprehensive settlement. That means that peacemaking in "pardoned" by the Serbian Bosnia-Herzegovina must include the reintegration of eastern leader, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbian press bureau said Wednesday. Mr. Rohde, who works for A second element is the question of the refugees. The possibility has got to be created that the 1.5 million refugees should be

the Christian Science Monitor. was sentenced to 15 days imprisonment after being accused of entering Bosnian Serbian ter-The third question is the recognition of the borders. Without ritory with false papers on Oct. recognizing the borders of Croatia there will be no lasting peace.

Next there is the need to restore normal economic conditions.

The U.S. government, which

The U.S. government, which demanded the reporter's re-This prospect may stimulate all the participating parties in the lease, accused the Bosnian And last, but not least, it is also an important element of the Serbs of putting him in front of settlement to start negotiations on ways to control existing a kangaroo court. The detention became an issue at the peace Q. Looking now to your east, are you troubled by the situation talks in Dayton, Ohio.

> don after an appeal from Mr. Rohde's family for his release from prison in the northern Bosnian town of Bijeljina.



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DARN TOOTIN' --- Mayor Bram Peper of Rotterdam blowing a whistle Wednesday during a police protest over pay.

#### **Pro-Reform Parties** Advance in Georgia

TBILISI, Georgia - Only three of Georgia's 54 parties and blocs, all centerright and sympathetic to reform, cleared the 5 percent barrier needed to win parliamentary seats by proportional repre-sentation in last Sunday's vote, election

officials said Wednesday.

The three parties are Eduard A. Shevardnadze's Georgian Citizen's Union, the National Democratic Party led by Irina Sarishvili and the All-Georgian Union of Rebirth led by Aslan Abashidze.

The Communists won 4.6 percent of the vote, according to preliminary results from all of Georgia's 75 voting districts. The final tally is to be announced Friday, but significant changes are not expected. In that event, Mr. Shevardnadze's Georgian Citizen's Union will hold the largest number of seats in the Parliament, controlling about 23 percent of the vote. In a separate election Sunday Mr. She-

vardnadze won the presidency with 75

percent of the vote. The National Democratic Party and the All-Georgian Union of Rebirth each received from 7 percent to 8 percent of the vote. Both are center-right groups very likely to play the part of a loyal opposition, generally favorable to reform.

Of the 235 seats in the Parliament, 150 are to be decided according to proportional voting from party lists and 75 from regional first-past-the-vote polling. Ten more have been set aside for Abkhazia

Of 75 district-wide contests, only 33 Gibraltar Gets Help ing seats must be decided in runoff elec-

#### U.K. Pressed on Ulster

BELFAST — Britain was under mounting Irish pressure on Wednesday to find a way out of a year-old impasse blocking Northern Ireland's path to permanent peace.

Prime Minister John Bruton of Ireland is calling for a British-Irish summit meeting to try to end the deadlock before a visit by President Bill Clinton later this month, news reports from Dublin said. Irish govermment officials refused to comment on the reports.

support from Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, intensified demands for Lon-

#### STRASBOURG - The Eurocorps, described by its supporters as the nucleu of a future European army, will become operational next month, its German com-mander, Helmut Willmann, said Wednes-

He said that he would formally declare the corps operational on Nov. 30, at the end of an exercise by some units of the 50,000-member force, which includes soldiers from France, Germany, Spain,

Belgium and Luxembourg.
About 10,000 soldiers from the five countries will take part in the military exercise that is to start on Nov. 18 in the Ardennes region of Belgium and (Reuters)

#### A Swede Begs Off

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish co-ordination minister, Jan Nygren said Wednesday that he would not seek to become the leader of the governing Social Democrats, and thereby prime minister,

because of an agreement with his son. Mr. Nygren, 45, said in an interview with the newspaper Blekinge Laens that he had promised his 14-year-old son that he would not be a candidate for the post when the party leader and prime minister. Ingvar Carlsson, steps down at a party congress in March. "My marriage broke up because of my work," Mr. Nygren said. "I don't intend to risk my relaand South Ossetia, which boycotted the tionship with my son."

LONDON — The British government announced plans Wednesday to strengthen the economy of Gibraltar.

The Foreign Office minister, David Davis, speaking in Gibraltar, said that Britain would assist in the enforcement of financial-service rules and provide advice on developing tourism and other

London also is ready to pay the health-care costs of pensioners who retire to Gibraltar from Britain, he said. (Reuters)

#### Translation Aid Set

BRUSSELS - The European Union approved plans Wednesday to help over-In Belfast, key nationalist leaders, with come language barriers that hinder business in the 15-member bloc. The European Commission earmarked

don to move to all-party peace talks and drop its insistence that IRA guerrillas development of a range of high-technology translation services. Projects in-Eurocorps Gears Up ized grammar- and style-checkers and networks that will enable business people networks that was cause consult translators during meetings.

(AP)

The Commission said it would adopt or renew spending programs only after eval-uating the most efficient way to pay for them. It also pledged to increase the frequency of internal audits and ensure that new spending programs are as "fraud-

BRUSSELS: The EU council of min-

missioner for competition policy, meets with the German economics minister, Günter Rexrodt.

ERFURT, Germany: The commission president, Jacques Santer, visits former East German regions and attends meetings of regional leaders before the Europa Forum in Berlin on Friday.

commissioner for agriculture, meets with the Danish agriculture minister, Henrik Dam Christensen.

missioner for external trade, addresses the International Federation of Phonographic Industries

BRUSSELS: Edith Cresson, commissioner for research, addresses a conference on the Socrates project. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

clude electronic dictionaries, computer-

#### EU Tackles Fraud

BRUSSELS - The European Commission promised new steps Wednesday to toughen scrutiny of spending and com-

European Union events set for Thursday:

isters meets on consumer problems.

BRUSSELS: Karel van Miert, com-

ATHENS: Neil Kinnock, commissioner for transportation, begins an official two-day visit, including meetings with the Greek merchant marine minister, Georgios Katsifara, and the transportation minister, Evangelos Venizelos

COPENHAGEN: Franz Fischler,

BRUSSELS: Sir Leon Brittan, com-

■ Penal Code Approved The Parliament on Wednes-day approved the first overhaul of Spain's criminal law in more than a century as it voted in a new penal code that cracks down on corruption and introduces laws prohibiting racism and sexual harassment. The Associated Press reported.

## U.K. Holds New Suspect Germany In French Bombings

A. For a period of time we are dealing with a rather uncertain

Russia. What we in the east-central European region are interested

in is that the situation in Russia should be stabilized.

able to return to their homeland. In order to achieve that, in-

ternational guarantees have to be created. It is very important that

those who return to their homeland should be able to live unarmed.

This is a key issue of the whole settlement.

said Wednesday that a man that the danger was not over. identified as Rachid Ramda "It is clear today that we would appear in a London court have struck a substantial blow

Mr. Ramda, 26, was charged with "unlawfully and mali- Louis Debré told Parliament. ciously conspiring with others to cause an explosion of a nature likely to endanger life or cause serious injury to property" in France, a police spokeswoman said. She did not give Mr. Ram-

da's nationality. An extradition warrant has been issued for the suspect. dition request can be made. Three other people arrested in connection with a series of custody, the spokeswoman

One of the suspects being held is Abou Fares, who French police believe masterminded the bomb attacks.

Rachid R, aged 26.
Paris blames militant Alge-

rian Muslims for the bombings in France that have killed seven people and wounded 170 since July.

France said Wednesday it had seriously damaged the abilty of suspected Algerian Mus-

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Thursday charged with conspir- at the structure of the network Schönborn, was sentenced to 27 ing to cause an explosion in responsible for the series of at- months in prison on Wednestacks that we have experienced," Interior Minister Jeanit was banned in 1992. "But vigilance remains more

necessary than ever," he said. "The government continues and will continue — to fight terrorism with all its strength, and with the help and support of European police forces.

tain Mr. Fares until an extra-France believes that he is tied to Algeria's Armed Islamic bombings in France remain in Group, which has claimed responsibility for the bombings. The group accuses France of sid-

ing with Algeria's military govemment in the civil war with Muslim fundamentalists. A warrant for Mr. Fares links A French daily said officials him to a bomb blast outside a in Algiers knew Mr. Fares as Paris underground railroad station on Oct. 6 in which 13 people were wounded.

Investigators also pressed their search for other suspects plan to build up the party orin France, rounding up several individuals for questioning in raids near Lyon. The target of the latest raids was a suspected Islamic network

that the police said was operating in the town of Chasse-sur-Rhône, outside Lyon. France last week arrested a

27, in Paris along with five alleged accomplices. He has been placed under in-

overheard him on a wiretapped

phone ordering the car-bombing

of a marketplace in the northern

French city of Lille.

DORTMUND, Germany -A leading neo-Nazi. Meinolf day for continuing to lead the National Front party even after

ban on the party.

The judge also expressed Paris has asked Britain to delishing house.

> ed. It also sentenced two former National Front board members

ganization again. offices in 40 cities three years ago in the first decisive step against mounting racist violence

signal" to the extreme right. exercises for its members.

# **Sentences**

The presiding judge of the Dormund court, Manfred Reichel, said: "Deep inside, Schönborn never accepted the

amazement that the police had ignored Mr. Schönborn's flourishing trade from his home in bumper stickers, button badges. T-shirts and books, which were manufactured by his own pub-The court handed down a tougher sentence than the two

to 10 months in prison.

Mr. Schönborn's lawyers portrayed him as a law-abiding businessman and produced witnesses confirming the defen-dant's assertions that he did not

years prosecutors had request-

The government banned the party and the police raided its that followed unification in 1990. At the time, Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters called the kev suspect, Boualem Bensaid, ban an "unmistakable warning

The party adopted policies enunciated by Hitler's National vestigation for attempted mur- Socialists. It also said it had der, destruction of property with created a "nationalist action explosives, illegal use of explo- commando" to fight foreignsives and criminal terrorist con- ers, political opponents and the spiracy after officials said they state, and organized military In its raids, the police unearthed weapons, ammunition

and materials to make bombs.

## Communists Recapture Russian Limelight

By Michael Specter

philosophy, Gennadi A. Zyuganov loves to toss around the big words of the

He is forever talking about the Social Democrats of Britain and the egalitarianism of Sweden. And about how liberalism changes when it travels from Germany to Italy to Spain. But there is one word you almost

never hear him say: communism. For some people, particularly in Russia these days, that would be understand-able. For the active, voluble and extremely popular chairman of what is still called the Communist Party, it seems a little bit strange. But it is hard to argue with success,

and in five years Mr. Zyuganov, 51, has succeeded in taking a moribund political movement and turning it into the most popular party in Russia As the Dec. 17 parliamentary elec- East European countries, where voters tions draw near, there no longer seems

dominant role in a heavily divided legislature. The question is whether they will have the power to slow the policies of President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Communists are the party that appeals to clock. people who don't like the way things have turned out. And that's a lot of

As Mr. Zyuganov himself has said,

sometimes the best thing one can say

Volkenshtein, a sociologist and poll-

about the Communist Party is that it has for their support. We didn't spend a makes the Parliament he may control terrific name recognition.

Kopeck." Mr. Zyuganov says he bevirually toothless, should be honored.

Although Nov. 7 is still celebrated MOSCOW — As a man trained in throughout the country as Revolution Day, the anniversary of the Bolshevik choice. Revolution of 1917, most Russians, "Lal even Communists, now regard the old he said in an interview. Soviet system as a disaster, But many are appalled at the psychological and social turmoil caused by the free mar-

Like many people elsewhere in the former Soviet empire, particularly in

For better or worse, these people are new kinds of Communists, and they have a lot of support.'

have reacted to the pain of economic any doubt that Communists will have a change by returning Communists to power. Russians are trying to find a different path.

And the Communists are trying to make that path their own. Mr. Yeltsin "You know that they cannot rule in has already been pushed away from the traditional sense." said Masha liberal policies by nationalists and Comhas already been pushed away from munists in the last three years. A Communist victory next month would only "The president rules Russia. But the increase the pressure to turn back the

> We gathered two million signatures in 10 days," Mr. Zyuganov said, referring to the petitions from voters required of each party that seeks to run. of their civil liberties.
> "No party got half as many. Others paid He says the Com

lieves in a multiparty system, private property, freedom of religion and lots of

"Labels cause too many problems."

message is love your neighbor. We have the same goals. Communists never invented anything. Nobody said they did. They simply try to implement a vision of truth and justice that you can find in any

Fairy tales have their problems, though. As Russia completes its two-day holiday honoring the Bolshevik Revolution, with Mr. Zyuganov laying the obligatory wreath on Lenin's Tomb. people are beginning to wonder whether, after five years of faltering reforms, communism could really return to the land it nearly destroyed? And

what would happen if it did? Mr. Zyuganov tries to portray a future Communist Russia that caters to the needs of the many without offending the dreams of the few

He knows that the old party line is no longer acceptable. So he has moved to the center, calling for orderly, restrained renationalization of some, not all, industries. He says the land ought to belong to the people.

worries almost everyone, he has promised law and order, and points out that his people are not the same ones who for seven decades deprived people

He says the Constitution, which Russia.

But he also says it is time for a new type of reform, by which he means that it

is time to end the ability of a few wellplaced people to loot the considerable resources of one of the world's largest "Two basic ideas compete in the nations. And he almost never makes a world today," he said. "Light and dark.

Look at all the world's religions. The much he would do to welcome foreign investment The pitch, larded with the call for a

strong Russia, certainly seems to have hit a spot with the voters. In almost every poll taken in the last three months, Communists receive more support, spread evenly across the country, than any other group.

Much of that support comes from pensioners frustrated that the old world

of cheap sausage and guaranteed employment is gone. Some of it comes from people angry at the grabby, lawless state that the brazenly capitalist Russia has become. And the rest seems to come from people who just do not know what else to do.

"For better or worse, these people are new kinds of Communists, and they have a lot of support," said Igor Klyamkin, one of Russia's leading pollsters and the head of the Foundation for Public Opinion. "Zyuganov is flexible, modern and pragmatic. He understands his electorate and he understands Russia. He is a realist, and realistic Com-Knowing that the crime epidemic munists are new to this country. What he would be like as a leader, however, породу can say.

Mr. Zyuganov is in fact so pragmatic that his success says as much about the failure of communism as anything can in

Due to a typing error in the Nov. 7 sponsored section on Lebanon, an incorrect figure was given concerning the number of passengers carried by Middle East Airlines last vear. The correct figure is 780,000.

#### **Indelible War Crimes**

Of the prospective provisions of a doubt complicates some of the diplopeace accord, none is more urgent than a macy. Serbia's president, who is repconstitutional mandate for the prosecution of war crimes. On all sides of the nearly four-year conflict, the rules of war, designed to ensure a minimal decency, have been crassly broken. A war crimes tribunal set up by the United Nations in The Hague has now indicted 40 Bosnian Serbs and one Bosnian Croat. For maximum effect, however, the call for justice needs to be embedded in the structure of a Bosnian state. It needs to be treated not simply as a foreign imposition but as an obligation that the reluctant partners in a

new Bosnia have taken upon themselves. Such a provision can have scant appeal for the Bosnian Serbs. Their top leaders. including Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, could not make it to the Dayton peace talks for fear of being arrested on the war crimes charges that have been brought against them at the international tribunal. The draft Bosnian constitution written up by American of-ficials would compel "all competent authorities" in any part of the country to work with the tribunal and with international human rights groups as well. This is a harsh demand, and one that no resenting the Bosnian Serbs at Dayton, would prefer to have a little leeway to allow him to remove the two top Bosnian Serbs in his own political fashion. But why would Serbia, itself a country eager to escape international economic sanctions and to find a quick path back to Western favor, want to delay the departure of the Karadzic-Mladic pair? Why would other Bosnian Serbs want to keep this totally discredited duo as their leaders one day longer than they had to?

The United States has been a strong force in creating the war crimes tribunal. So it is perplexing to read that the chief prosecutor has complained of American delays in handing over intelligence that might be used against criminal suspects. The intelligence agencies are always careful to protect their prerogatives, but there can be no denying the overwhelming force of the demand for the prompt and full furnishing of all relevant information on war crimes. It is the key to enlisting the serious cooperation of others in the prosecution. It is a political necessity and a moral necessity, too.

#### **Helms Goes Too Far**

Because of the obstinacy of Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, the United States does not have an ambassador in Beijing at a time when relations with China have reached their most delicate and dangerous point in more than 20 years. President Bill Clinton's choice for this crucial post is former Senator Jim Sasser of Tennessee, a moderate Democrat who could normally count on easy confirmation from his former colleagues. Mr. Sasser could be using his considerable political skills and closeness to Mr. Clinton to improve communications between the two capitals and provide the kind of consistent attention that the president himself or the secretary of state is unable to give. He ought to be confirmed without further delay.

Mr. Sasser's nomination has been held up first by Chinese diplomatic games-manship and then by that of Mr. Helms. While the United States tries to restrain Chinese bellicosity over Taiwan and the South China Sea, constrain its missile sales to Pakistan, enforce trade agreements and ease Beijing's repression of human rights, Mr. Sasser is left cooling his heels in Washington.

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Americans are also being deprived of the services of ambassadors in South Africa, Pakistan, Lebanon, Indonesia and 12 other countries. Further, Mr. Helms is delaying ratification of a treaty that would reduce the number of Russian nuclear warheads by two-thirds and a convention banning chemical weapons. Mr. Helms, a Republican who heads the Foreign Relations Committee, has shortsightedly given his drive to destroy three precedence over these urgent issues. He

wrong about the agencies, too. Earlier this year he proposed legislation that would put the functions of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Agency for International Development and the U.S. Information Agency under direct State Department control, breaking up their expert staffs and eliminating most

of the money they need to do their jobs. Keeping the information agency independent insulates its work, including the Voice of America, from diplomatic pressures. Keeping the arms control agency independent means that there is someone to speak up against proliferation in North Korea, weapons sales by China and French nuclear testing when silence might seem diplomatically convenient. Keeping the foreign aid agency independent assures that humanitarian assistance and support for democratic institutions will not lose out to porkbarrel gifts for friendly governments that may also be corrupt or dictatorial.

Nevertheless, Mr. Helms gathered enough votes for his assault on these agencies to assure Senate passage. But in August, Senate Democrats blocked the bill with a threatened filibuster. After they turned back two cloture votes, the bill was withdrawn from floor consideration.

Mr. Helms retaliated with breathtaking disproportion, shutting down the entire work of the Foreign Relations Committee until his bill comes to a vote. Senator John Kerry has proposed compromises on the administration's behalf, but negotiations have got nowhere. Mr. Helms continues to insist on cutting operating funds so savagely that nothing meaningful would be left.

It would be nice if the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee put the national interest ahead of bureaucratic vendettas. Apparently he will not. Pernaps the Democrats should let reorganization measure come to the floor. If it passes, the president could veto it. The ambassadors and the treaties Mr. Helms holds hostage should not have to wait any longer for their release.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## **Stingy and Devious**

Two arguments are getting badly man-gled in the American welfare debate. In justifying their drastic cuts, many Republicans in Congress argue that there is something wrong in the country having to do with the failure of personal generosity and private giving to the poor. That is one thing. But they then take a huge leap and say that if government gets out of the way by cutting back on assistance to the poor, there will be an outpouring of private help and voluntarism.

There is a strong case to be made that there has been a drop in giving and volunteering, and that is true even though Americans have built an enviable network of voluntary charitable agencies. A 1994 survey by Independent Sector, a Washington organization that studies nonprofit charities, found "a downward trend" in both giving and volunteering. There is no denying the need to re-establish a stronger public ethic of generosity, especially among the better off. Endless examples of rightly embarrassed prominent people whose pitifully small contributions have, one way and another, come to public

attention illustrate the point. If the Republicans were simply insisting that government programs are insufficient to the job and no substitute for private giving, they would be right. But they have gone on to contend that if covernment got out of the way, private efforts to help the poor would proliferate. There is no evidence for this.

As Dana Milbank reported recently in The Wall Street Journal, the private and church-based organizations doing the most to help the poor are alarmed by the cutbacks in aid to the poor being contemplated in Congress. Far from strengthening private efforts, a group of 44 religious groups wrote to the Senate leadership this summer, the cutbacks could "completely overwhelm our resources for serving the needy." Many of these groups receive some financing from government, and an Independent Sector study found that just to keep up current efforts the private organizations would need to see contributions increase by 124 percent between now and 2002. Does anyone believe Americans are all on the verge of becoming that generous? And no private or church-based agency is in a position to make up for cuts in basic forms of help for the poor in medical care, food stamps and welfare.

The country does need to re-examine the whole structure of private and governmental charity. There is a need to strengthen the less bureaucratic approaches that volunteers can bring to the effort to help the poor. But dismantling the government's systems of support is the wrong place to start. We suspect that the spirit behind the cutbacks in govemment help is, unfortunately, the same stingy spirit that is driving down private giving. That spirit needs to change.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.



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## Time for Israelis and Friends to Choose Their Camp

WASHINGTON — After the murder of Yitzhak Rabin there is an understandable desire to dismiss his assassin as a lone gunman from outside the pale of Israeli political life and call for a period of national unity. Those impulses are wrong, all wrong, and the man who could have told you that best was Yitzhak Rabin.

This is not a time for unity. This is a time for taking sides. That is what Yitzhak Rabin was doing when he was shot.

He was not muffling his voice or blurring his aims. He was taking a principled stand in favor of a historic compromise with the Palestinians — to share the land of Israel-Palestine between the two peoples who called it home.

We do not honor Mr. Rabin by avoiding that choice. We honor him by making that choice. We honor him by helping in every democratic way possible to enlarge the Israeli majority in favor of peace with the Arabs, because, as Mr. Rabin knew, that is the only hope for preserving a secure, democratic Jewish state.

The Likud party leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, has been doing his best to paint Yigal Amir, Mr. Rabin's assassin, as a lone By Thomas L. Friedman

gunman - the Lee Harvey Oswald of Israel, No, no, no. Yigal Amir was no Lee Harvey Oswald. Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone gunman whose politics had nothing to do with the Democratic or Republican parties. Yigal Amir was a lone gumman whose politics are virtually identical with those of Mr. Netanyahu's Likud party and its allies in the Orthodox Jewish right. Likud never would have accepted Mr. Amir's means, but it cannot deny that it shares his ends bringing the Israeli-Palestinian peace process to a halt so that Israel will never have

to leave the West Bank. Mr. Netanyahu wants us to believe that Mr. Amir is deranged. Sorry, Mr. Amir is not deranged. He is just your average religious right-wing hard-liner, who listened to Likud's verbal attacks on Mr. Rabin, who saw the posters depicting Mr. Rabin as a Nazi SS officer, and just took it all to its logical extreme.

Naturally, Mr. Netanyahu wants to disguise his connection to Mr. Amir. Oh, he says, with mock sincerity, Likud will sup-

should only be changed "by ballots, not bullets" - and to do otherwise would be to give in to the will of this crazy assassin.

Mr. Netanyahu wants us to believe that what the assassin represented was the idea of undemocratic change. Nonsense. Yigal Amir represented the idea of stopping the peace process with the Palestinians - an idea that he and Mr. Netanyahu share. That is what Mr. Netanyahu wants to hide, but Mr. Amir sticks to him like Velcro.

The reason why Mr. Rabin had nothing but contempt for most members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, why he lam-basted them on his last visit here, was that he was in a war for peace, and these socalled American Jewish leaders had left him alone on the battlefield because they did not have the courage to take a stand.

Israelis and American Jews are divided on the question of peace, but not 50-50. If Israel were truly that divided, the peace process that Mr. Rabin embarked upon two years ago would never have gone this far. The silent majorities in both com-

port the Labor government in its vote of confidence because Israeli governments they have been too passive, too willing to let Mr. Rabin carry the burden alone. Let's not have any illusions. There is

only one way to honor Yitzhak Rabin, and that is to fulfill his vision. To do that now requires others to stand up for that vision with the same courage with which he stood up for it, and to fight for it with the same vigor with which he fought for it.

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That was the meaning of King Hussein's remarkable eulogy, in which he said that when he died he hoped it would be the same way his grandfather and Mr. Rabin died, taking a bullet on the battlefield of peace, because that is the only death worthy of such a life.

And so the king implored the mourners: "Let us not keep silent. Let our voices rise high to speak of our commitment to peace for all times to come. And let us tell those who live in darkness, who are the enemies of life and true faith, this is where we stand. This is our camp.

He is so right. For everything there is a season, and this is the season of choices. Yitzhak Rabin made his. How about you? The New York Times.

## Toward More Efficient State Capitalism, if Beijing Has Its Way

BELJING — A new era is creeping in. China's decision to reduce tax breaks for foreigninvested enterprises and special economic zones is more than just

a technical adjustment. Together with the revival of the State Planning Commission and administrative attempts to control credit, prices and labor movement, it signifies new directions for China's economy as it moves into a post-Deng phase. It also carries a political message.

Depending on one's viewpoint, the tax move can be seen as reflecting the success of the Deng reforms or as signaling problems ahead. It can be simultaneously interpreted as the logical next step in China's development, or as backtracking from progress toward a market economy in which the state plays a diminishing role.

There is no doubt that tax-free capital goods imports, and low to negligible profits taxes in the special economic zones, have been almost as important as low wages in attracting foreign investment

HONG KONG — The International Monetary Fund re-

set to continue its economic boom

Even in a growing market such

East Asia's economic miracle

as Asia, costs count. And for

many businesses, Asia is begin-

is best summed up as the biggest

price undercut in history. The re-

gion grew because it was the

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West craved. Hong Kong and

South Korea did not invent new or

more efficient manufacturing

techniques; they simply bought

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By Philip Bowring

into labor-intensive export industries. These produce most of China's \$150 billion in exports, and have given it a large trade surplus for four out of the past five years.

But the tax breaks are a serious distortion. They became one of many impediments to joining the World Trade Organization, they increased income disparity between coastal and inland provinces, and they deprived the cen-

tral government of revenue. Given China's trade surplus and strong capital inflow, the full impact of changes will emerge only gradually. However, at the end of the day they signal less emphasis on foreign trade and light industry.

Whether this does much for the inland areas remains to be seen, but it will definitely be to the relative advantage of the central and northern coastal provinces, compared with the pacemaker of the past decade, Guangdong (and hence Hong Kong).

grade their industries. Multina-

tional companies like Sony,

In much of East Asia, inad-

equate roads, seaports and air-

ports, telecommunications and

other infrastructure, high rents,

shortage of managers and skilled

technicians, comunition and

above all, government interfer-

ence are now the deciding factors

when multinational corporations

choose to keep production in North America or Europe.

In shipping, terminal expenses in Japan and Hong Kong are two or

three times those in the busiest ports on the U.S. West Coast. To

truck a container 160 kilometers

from southern China to Hong

pairs of hands

The emphasis now is on luring foreign investment into heavier industries, with more emphasis on transfer of technology than on exports. The bait: greater access to the domestic market.

This goal fits with a shift back toward emphasis on state enterprises and medium and heavy industries. Closure of loss-makers has been abandoned in favor of trying to make them more competitive, particularly through ventures with foreign investors. It is a recognition of political and economic realities.

State enterprises remain at the core of the party/state power structure, which will be more important than ever in an era without a commanding figure. There are also limits to economic growth for small-scale and light industry without improvement in the basic industries and infrastructure.

Light industries and services will continue to absorb millions

States or Europe to Hong Kong.

hai or Jakarta with Chicago and

Paris; and residential rents in Sin-

gapore with those in and around Washington. Or try to hold a qual-

almost weekly job offers he gets

due to the shortage of Chinese

feet in response to high costs. Mat-

sushita and Honda continue to

move production out of Japan. Tai-

wan's Nan Ya Plastic is estab-

lishing factories in North Carolina

and Texas to export back to Asia.

Footwear and textiles have largely

been driven from South Korea to

China and Indonesia as Korean

ing to cry over if that industry can

be replaced, but what will sub-

stitute for low-tech electronics in

South Korea and airline customer

Losing footwear may be noth-

wages outpace productivity.

Companies are voting with their

Compare office rents in Shang-

East Asia Is Beginning to Cost Investors Too Much

By Mark Simon

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professionals.

ment out of very low-productivity agriculture should ensure continuing GDP growth of 7 to 8 percent a year. (This is less than the current official double digit growth but about the level now if, as foreign economists suggest, official data are discounted by 2 percentage points.)

However, without more efficient use of capital by heavier sectors, even a 7 percent goal may be difficult to attain. If household savings are used to bail out the inefficient, transport and power development will lag, and the trade balance will deteriorate.

Momentum for growth will remain decentralized, but the center's need for revenue and influence has been behind the various tax reforms of the past 18 months. Provincial power is still strong but is being gradually eroded by taxation and by increased use of the State Planning Commission to influence the pace and direction of capital investment — particularly away from buildings into infras-

service activities in Hong Kong?

let up. To attract investment from

East Asia and elsewhere, local

authorities in Britain and state

governments in the United States

offer to cut taxes, provide cheap

land and slash bureaucracy. Tech-

ductions in telecommunications

and transport mean that location

(take note, Hong Kong) is no

competition with India and Thai-

land for today's semiconductor

plant, but with Texas and Spain as

well. Good jobs come with a price

these days, and the currency re-

quired is a competitive and open

In East Asia, only Singapore

seems to understand that keeping

up is not good enough; being

competitive means being ahead.

It is now vying with Hong Kong

in financial services. Singapore's government recognizes that the

natural economic advantages of

the island state can be fully ex-

ploited only if the market is

deregulated and the cost of bu-

In most parts of Asia that mes-

sage has not fully registered. Tar-

iffs on agricultural imports crip-

ple South Korean and Japanese

food processing industries. Re-

strictive trucking practices in Tai-

wan and Indonesia keep ex-

Too many Asian governments

don't seem to understand that as

costs rise, competitiveness falls

The writer, a manager for an

international shipping firm based

porters' transport costs high.

and investors shy away.

reaucracy is cut.

business environment.

The Philippines is not just in

longer as important as it was.

The competition is not going to

moving off the land. That move-

Government revenues are needed to redistribute income spur agriculture and, eventually, provide welfare safety nets without which reform of state enterprises will be politically unacceptable.

Total farm production is expanding but that of grain is almost static - a major worry for a country in which grain self-sufficiency remains an article of faith. But here the price decontrol that might shift terms of trade in favor of grain production runs up against the political imperative of main-

taining the pro-urban price bias.

To the demands of the longpampered state enterprise workers are now being added the basic needs of the floating population (estimated at 80 million or more) who have left the land.

Central revenues are needed to find ways other than diktat of encouraging grain production while holding down prices. Whether it also means the end of price reform remains to be seen. Current controls and subsidies to limit price rises are a short-term expedient. Whether they become semi-permanent will partly depend on the

success of credit control. The authorities are following the excellent blueprint for financial sector reform laid down by the Third Plenum two years ago and should thus eventually get a normal banking system and a central bank able to use price mechanisms to control monetary growth. But it is a slow process and runs counter to provincial as well as entrenched

Meanwhile, the political imperative is to bring down inflation by whatever means. Although inflation has fallen, to keep it from bouncing back while state enterprises need big cash infusions will need constant effort.

At the technical management level. China continues to make rapid progress as a result of eagemess to learn from abroad. Proiect implementation capability is far ahead of most developing countries. Willingness to experiment with sophisticated instruments (perhaps too sophisticated) like bond and commdodity futures has not been entirely killed

off by some chaotic results. But a more dirigiste outlook now prevails at the top, as the government struggles to balance growth — its base of legitimacy with stability and the reassertion of central authority. It may even reduce corruption.

In other words, the goals are more efficient state capitalism, a sound financial system, and a tax system capable of delivering enough national revenue to deal with national issues.

This is all dull stuff compared with Deng Xiaoping's battle cry 'To get rich is glorious.' It also suggests even less tolerance of dissent. But from the point of view of a quasi collective leadership of competent but uninspiring engineers, managers and opportunists, it makes sense.

International Herald Tribune.

## United Germany Missed a Chance

war period of partition?

day, however, is economic —

especially because of Germans'

need for "fair weather" in order

The enormous and tedious

process of internal unification

was a useful excuse in post-

poning necessary economic re-

form. The unification boom was

perceived as a great economic

success and prevented deeper

lost ground in the last six years.

It has missed the opportunity to

use unification to shape up and

Blanket adoption of West Ger-

takes. Ponderous systems of

modernize the economy.

The truth is that Germany has

to enjoy democracy.

structural reforms.

By Margarita Mathiopoulos

cently forecast that East Asia is Asian nations as they try to up-

announced that it will no longer Hewlett-Packard and Ford need a

export television sets from Japan competitive business environ-

because it cannot price them com- ment that is based on more than

HANNOVER, Germany — The European revolution that saw the collapse of the Communist regimes and German unification was a triumph for freedom, democracy and free market economics. But six years later it is not clear that Germany has captured the gold-en moment that history offered.

The Bonn republic ended on Oct. 3, 1990. The day of unity and the Bundestag's decision to move the capital from Bonn to Berlin will go down in history as events that affected not just domestic politics but the ability of the German economy to compete worldwide and Germany's foreign policy orientation.

The outside world observes that Germany remains loyal to its American and European partners, that it tries to take more international responsibility and that the economy overall is not too bad, with growth rates around 11 percent in the former East Germany. But will this attitude endure in the Berlin republic?

The political values of the old Bonn republic — democratic tolerance. European orientation. Western thinking — could vanish when Germans realize their power and claim their position as Europe's "central power."

man regulatory systems was among the fundamental mis-The last five years have seen the rise of racist and radical rightwing terror, the beginning of economy, bureaucracy, science doubts about Western orienta- and culture that were lamented in tion, new nationalistic thinking, a the old Länder were imposed on search for the "normality of a the East. Germany could have healthy natriotism" and an in-tested new, flexible economic creased desire to close the book models in the new Länder, which Herald Tribune.

would have enriched the entire Federal Republic. Eastern Germany could have on the past. Germany has begun to reassert itself in foreign affairs, pressing, for example, for recog-

become a laboratory for a brand of "capitalism with a human nition of Croatia and Slovenia. face" that could have tested Was the Bonn republic only a comprehensive privatization in fair-weather democracy? Will the utilities, telecommunications, road construction, rail-Germany remain a committed member of the Western commuroad and university sectors. German unification could nity of values, or did that orientation apply only to the post-

have been a major opportunity for the renewal and moderniza-The Federal Republic's tion of the entire German society. democratic and constitutional Having missed it, Germany now must focus on correcting errors, state has provided hope that Germany has enough democrats on fostering modernization and to effectively oppose dangerous on damage control. temptations in domestic and for-The need for action is pareign policy. The real danger to-

ticularly acute in the wage-cost sector, which makes Germany one of the most expensive production sites. If Germany is to remain a

business site, companies must be freed from the formal requirement of fixed wages and allowed to set more flexible work hours. This could put 2 million to 4 million people to work - better than keeping them in expensive, counterproductive unemployment.

Germany has the power to experience a second economic miracle. The question is whether it has the political will.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Horses Abused

repugnant to any civilized person, and every year American and English visitors to Paris view with horror the conditions of horses in Paris. The bad condition of the cab-horses and the cruelty of the majority of the cochers never fail to excite compassion and indignation on the part of those who have occasion to use them. "Anglo-Saxons are always interested in the subject of cruelty to animals, and especially horses. Undoubtedly in Paris there is much to be desired in regard to ameliorating their condition," said the president of the Société Protectrice des Animaux, M. Uhrich.

1920: Harding's Policy

WASHINGTON - Presidentelect Harding, in addressing an assembly of two thousand people in Marshall, Tex., reiterated his stand against an alliance between the

United States and Europe, "America does not need any meeting of PARIS — Cruelty to animals is Foreign Powers to tell us our moral obligations," the new President said. "We want to meet them, to take counsel with them, to know their thoughts and to give them ours, but we also want, at the same time, to enjoy the proverbial free-dom of America."

#### 1945: Paraguay Revolts BUENOS AIRES — The post-war

movement to overthrow dictatorships in Latin America has spread to Paraguay. The regime of General Higinio Morinigo has adopted new measures of repression as a precaution against military and Civilian groups, which are attempting to repeat in Paraguay the successful revolutions which overthrew dictatorships in Venezuela and Brazil. The Morinigo dictatorship arrested a group of young Army officers, politicians and student leaders last week and sent them to concentration camps.

led buyers from America and Europe to Taiwan and Japan 30 Kong costs more than to ship the years ago is now working against same container from the United

\_\_thought worth thinking:

"It is hard to think of many ideas fading memory and outright lies prettying themselves up for the stranger than the notion that the that cloud men's minds about moment when they could be togethsince the 1960s."

That line was written by Gregg own youth. Easterbrook, an author and contributing editor of The Atlantic.

#### MEANWHILE

Crime and the breakup of the family are obvious negatives, but, he continued: "By most measures, the United States of 1995 is a dramatically better place to live than the United States of 1959."

days seems to me an important an-

By Richard Reeves

United States has gone downhill the past, which for many of them just happens to coincide with their

"Men" is a good place to begin talking about life in the land of the free and the home of the brave before a little liberalism and a lot of innovation recognized "women" as persons apart from a thing called togetherness."

'Togetherness,'' if you are too young to remember, was a magazine promotion, for McCall's. The "togetherness" concept escaped Cocking a cold eye at the good old from its box and became a cheerful rationale for keeping women in

er with the male provider of bread and wisdom.

Using some of Mr. Easterbrook's ideas, published last week in the Los Angeles Times, and some of my own, here is a Top 10 list of why we Americans are lucky to be around

1. People are living longer and healthier lives than anyone could have imagined back in the 1950s, a tribute to four astounding decades of medical and pharmaceutical advances and labor-saving devices. Diseases like polio have been eliminated for all practical purposes, and

the exception rather than the rule in new interstate highways have decades, a tribute to our politicians, most forms of illness. And no longer brought amazingly cheap fruit and our scientists and our soldiers. do millions of old people have to face

2. The minorities of America have been legally brought into the mainstream of life; discrimination has become a crime rather than a habit. It is one of the great achievements of a nation that desperately wants to believe it is the last, best

3. For the first time, large numbers of middle-class and even poor children can go on to college making us a great deal better ed-

vegetables all year round to the colder climes where most of us live.

The new highways and mass-produced automobiles have made it possible for middle-class people to live in the country, or something like it, and still work in the city - with real income more than doubling over that time.

6. Television — a faithful and ready friend, teacher and baby sitter — has opened the world to our eyes and minds.

7. The air we breathe and the water we drink has improved greatly with the end of soft-coal heating and new sewage-treatment systems. 8. The threat of nuclear war has

declined significantly over these

opening up wonders once reserved for the rich — from the French Riviera to the Taj Mahal to the Pyramids along the Nile - to a new breed of middle-class travelers. Us!

have dreamed of.

Is there a flip and darker side to some of this "progress"? Of course But, writes Mr. Easterbrook:

9. We have more personal free-

dom than our ancestors could even

10. The world has been democ-

ratized by jet passenger planes,

"These steady improvements in most aspects of American life happened during the years when government regulations increased and government programs grew.

many such programs were enacted would mean a huge step backward

in health, safety and prosperity. He might have added, too, that the current and always fashionable chant that government is the Amer-

ican problem is the music of dopes Universal Press Syndicate.

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# Cyber-Revolution: Politics as Usual

WASHINGTON — Washington waits breathlessly for Congress and the White House to complete the balanced budget. The electorate waits to see who will run for president. But the future of American politics is actually being decided somewhere else - in semiconductor plants in California, in the cluttered offices of all-night software designers and, of

course, all over the Internet. Technology has always shaped public policy, but in the past it has mainly been an instrument of greater government control. Thanks to computers, for instance, the Internal Revenue Service can peer into your private life and make sure you reported that capital gain on your General Motors stock. But in the future, technology will almost certainly have the opposite effect. For better or worse, liberation is at hand.

Right now, for example, companies based in Antigua and other Caribbean islands are setting up cyber-casinos. You can open an account with an offshore bank, sit at home in Ohio and gamble away thousands of dollars (lose your house even!) playing blackjack or roulette or betting on sports events - on your computer screen via the World Wide Web.

What can the U.S. government do about it? Not much, even though Net betting, which could become a \$50 billion business, is technically illegal. "Emerging technologies will make gambling on the Internet Wired, the cutting-edge com-

puter magazine. Similarly, Senator James Exon, Democrat of Nebraska, wants to stop child pornography and other forms of smut on the Internet — but the truth is, he can't. Secrecy is too easy, and the United States can't prevent a pedophile from tapping into a Web site in Denmark or Thailand. Nor, it seems, can governments stop software piracy, copyright violations or libel.

Ultimately, financial transactions on the Net will be disguised from outsiders. How, then, will governments be able to collect taxes?

'At some point in the not very distant future," said the

House speaker, Newt Gingrich in an August interview in Wired with the computer guru Esther Dyson, "somebody is

"Governments are not going to be able to stop it," he added. This brave new world is closer than you think. It will drastically change the focus of politics because control will be extremely difficult, if not impossible. We're on the brink of a revolution that will make what

year look trivial beyond belief. But is the ability to access child porn and \$200-a-hand blackjack at a click of the mouse that, with the federal govern-

can't collect taxes efficiently, it will have to give up on forcedsavings plans such as Social Security, which begin with the assumption that people are too profligate to set aside something for their own retirements. Americans will have to adopt the admirable quality of thrift on their own; they'll have no choice.

Mr. Gingrich understands this coming change and wel-comes it. Technology, he believes, will replace the current top-down system with something more humane: "I really

with a government that spends so much on welfare is that it obviates the need for acts of charity - and, more importantly, for social pressure on the rich to perform such acts (after all, the wealthy pay taxes; why feed the poor or donate libraries

By James K. Glassman flict in American politics wasn't between liberalism and conservatism but between "dynamism' and 'stasis.' She's writing a book that expands on

this wonderful insight. The stasis types come in two varieties: reactionaries who want to reverse change, including left-wingers like the Unabomber and Ralph Nader, and right-wingers like Patrick Buchanan; and technocrats who want to manage change, includ-ing most of today's progressive politicians, from President Bill Clinton to Senator Bob Dole to Ross Perot.

While Ms. Postrel puts Mr. Gingrich in the technocrat camp, he clearly has more affinity for dynamism than any other national politician. But dynamists abound among Republican freshmen. Representative Dick Chrysler, Republican of Michigan, who has led the drive to abolish the Commerce Department — a hotbed of technocratic

stasis — is a good example. Dynamism often looks conservative on the surface. I'd say that the last truly dynamist president was Calvin Coolidge. who believed in a minimalist government, which, through clear and strict laws, provided a framework within which individuals and businesses could work their own wills. Mr. Gingrich calls this framework "a skeletal system of federal power" — nice term.

Dynamist leaders "reject the brisk activism of 19-point regovernment and big culture." formist plans," says Ms. (By culture, he means customs Postrel. They're willing to all but undetectable by law (By culture, he means customs Postrel. They're willing to enforcement," writes Evan and morals, not Beethoven and stand back and let intelligence Schwartz in a fascinating ar- Matisse.) "The culture pounds and creativity flow, whatever mus test is immigration. If you're for stasis, you want to close America's golden doors.

It's perfectly reasonable to fear what the future technology will bring. The philosopher Hannah Arendt once wrote, 'Has not each of the advances of science, since the time of Copernicus, almost automatically resulted in a decrease in man's stature?"

Well, yes: the atomic bomb, the all-seeing computer. But this time may be different. The Internet has the potential to set us free - to learn anything and do anything, whenever we want. No wonder politicians want to regulate it to death.

Washington Post Writers Group

# Will Become a Thing of the Past

going to have encryption you can't break."

the Republicans are doing this

really liberation? The hope is ment less obtrusive, we'll be forced to act more responsibly.

For example, if Washington

like the Tocquevillian model the sense that you have lean sponsibility, doing your duty, being an active local leader, be-ing engaged in acts of charity." Yes, charity. One problem

like Andrew Carnegie?).

Such a vision is frightening to most Americans, so it's hardly a surprise that politicians pander to their fears. A few years ago, Virginia Postrel, the editor of Reason, a Los Angeles-based libertarian magazine, wrote that the major conan end without medical care.

hope of mankind.

ucated than we ever were before. 4. Air conditioning has opened

whole new areas to habitation and tidote to the nostalgia, nonsense, their place — which was at home, pain, continuous pain, has become around the world. Refrigeration and

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### 'Foe' Speaks

As the "nuclear foe" pictured in the International Herald Tribune (Oct. 30), I would like to reassure readers that I was not alone in protesting French nuclear testing and President Jacques Chirac's visit to Britain.

Such has been the public op-position that Mr. Chirac had to be brought into Chequers via a side entrance under cover of darkness. Similarly, after the Foreign Office press conference the next day, he had to be whisked out by another side entrance.

Visiting heads of state are usually paraded through the streets of London with some minister. pomp and circumstance. Not so this time. Had Mr. Chirac been displayed in public, it would very quickly have become clear that John Major does not speak for Britain in the matter of nuclear testing.

LIONEL TRIPPETT.

London.

#### Quebec, No

What opportunities are lost hy Quebec's voting to remain within the Canadian federation! Little Henri cannot hope to grow up to be an admiral in the Quebec Navy. Visitors from neighboring Ontario won't have to show their passports or go through customs. Aircraft galacter won't have to learn pilots won't have to learn French — or joual, the Montreal equivalent, which even the French from France can't understand - in order to satisfy

air traffic controllers. The Mon- have to make a distinction betreal Canadiens won't have to change their name. Had the vote gone the other

years' time, Quebec would have been a dictatorship. TONY STRACHAN.

#### Malaga, Spain.

Not Amused

Regarding "In Telephone Fi-asco, a Canadian Joker Trumps the Queen" (Oct. 30):
Montreal Radio chat show

host Pierre Brassard may have amused many with his conversation with Queen Elizabeth while fooling her into thinking

However, to publicly ridicule the queen - the sovereign of a foreign country and still for-mally queen of Canada -- in front of a million listeners is to go beyond innocuous comical deep respect for Her Majesty, I Fields," Oct. 27): can say many here share a deep sense of embarrassment for Mr.

Brassard's behavior. HILLEL NEUER. Montreal.

#### Arms Questions

clear Arms Legal?" (Opinion, Oct. 28):

It is far from certain that the International Court of Justice will issue an unambiguous opinion that the use of nuclear rope a better chance. weapons is illegal.

However, if it did, it would

use. Whereas the former can be considered prohibited by cusway, one thing is certain: In two tomary international law, the latter cannot because belligerent reprisals are legitimate. They need not be of the same kind as the original illegal act, but they may be. Consequently, a victim of an

tween first use and retaliatory

aggression committed with a nuclear weapon would have the right to respond in kind. An absolute ban on the use of nuclear weapons, under any circurnstance, is impossible without a ban on the very possession of these weapons. JOZEF GOLDBLAT.

#### Geneva. Take Over

Regarding the massacre of thousands of Muslim men trying to leave Serbian-held territory ("12,000 Muslims and a behavior. As a Montrealer with Trek Through Serb Killing

I say that rather than let the fighting continue, in which case we would have to bear this drain on our energy and resources indefinitely, we Europeans should stop the belligerents and occupy their territory for a few decades, as was so Regarding "Next on the successfully done with Austria World Court's Docket: Are Nu-World War II.

Taking over now would save many lives and give the next generation both in the former Yugoslavia and the rest of Eu-

> FRANCIS EDMONDS. Wiesbaden, Germany.

By William J. Broad New York Times Service

EW YORK - After 18 months of delays and acrimonious debate over whether it would deafen whales and other marine mammals. a \$35 million experiment using underwater sound to investigate the reality of global warming is scheduled to begin this week, though much modified because

The experiment, run by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, and involving seven other nations, was originally intended to fire sounds from underwater speakers across the Pacific Ocean at least once a day for a year. Sound travels faster in warm water than cold. In theory, changes in the sound's speed as it crossed the Pacific could reveal temperature shifts as subtle as a few thousandths of a

to predict global warming are accurate or need to be improved.

Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate, or ATOC (pronounced A-talk). From a depth of about 3,000 feet (about 900 meters), speakers off California and Hawaii are to rumble intermittently with low-frequency noises. Thousands of miles away, underwater microphones all over the Pa cific are to pick up the faint signals.

But the plan drew protests from about a dozen groups trying to protect such enwhale, which is sometimes found near the transmission sites. The protesters contend-

ed that the project threatened to deafen California broadcast site to move from the whales and other marine mammals, disturbing a world where careful listening was synonymous with survival — with finding food and avoiding becoming someone else's meal.

"A deaf whale is a dead whale." said Dr. Linda S. Weilgart, a scientist who led the protests. "It's not worth the risk."

The project scientists, led by Dr. Walter Munk, a leading Scripps oceanographer, vigorously denied that the experiment threatened to deafen or harm any animal. But faced with the prospect of defeat by the well-organized whale lobby, the scientists agreed to substantially redraw the plan.

The new blueprint calls for fewer intermittent broadcasts from the loudspeakers - about two days out of six, instead of daily. More fundamentally, it changes the sensitive test of global warming into an experiment that mainly measures the effects of loud noises on seagoing mammals. 

From the start, the project has devoted a sizable amount to animal studies - \$2.9 The temperature experiment is known as million. But the revised plan, instead of combining temperature and whale tests, has the biologists taking exclusive control of the sound sources for the experiments, and allowing investigations of possible injuries to mammals.

The biologists want about four days between sound transmissions so areas around the loudspeakers can return to their normal acoustical and biological state, presumably allowing any animals that were scared dangered mammals as the humpback away to return and allowing new animals to

As important, the new plan calls for the

tional Marine Sanctuary to Pioneer Seamount, a mass of old volcanic rock rising from the sea floor some 55 miles (90 kilometers) off San Francisco, where seas are rougher.

The distance and the possibility of high waves will prevent small boats from conducting animal studies. Instead, larger boats and planes or underwater microphones will scan the waters for signs of animal distress.

A biologist at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Dr. Daniel P. Costa, who directs the California marine mammal studies, said aerial surveys of the site had been flown once a month since June to try to understand the normal volatility of animal behavior and demographics.

R. Costa's team has been able to tie radio transmitters onto 14 male and 7 female elephant seals so that satellites can easily track their movements and determine if the project's transmissions cause the animals any anxiety, perhaps as evidenced by their veering away.

A similar plan to put instruments on blue whales fell through when too few of the animals could be found in the proper vicinity, even as great numbers of them were sighted much farther south near the Channel Islands.

"People think of the ocean as static,"
Dr. Costa said. "It's just not that way."

CALIFORNIA has been moved outside of a marine preserve and will/ emphasize the sound's effects on animals. NEW SOUND 🔺 SOUBCE Pacific Öts MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MAREN SANCTUARY. POINT SUR ORIGINAL SOUND SOURCE

Listening to the Ocean's Temperature and Wildlife

Sound moves faster in warmer water, se changes in its speed can be used as a thermometer. The sound source for such an experiment

project scientists say the Pioneer site is fine

Sources: NOAA: Scripps institution of Oceanography

"For acoustic propagation, the Seamount is better" than the sanctuary site, said Dr. Andrew Forbes, the project

In the new plan, the gathering of any warming data will be secondary, but perhaps still significant. By definition, the Moving the experiment out to sea added best experiment for temperature studies is to its costs. Old power cables for the Calto take daily readings, thereby collecting ifornia loudspeaker had to be lifted from as much information as possible. Yet takthe seabed and new cables laid down. But ing readings every four days or so is still Buoys and instruments launched from

regular, though less productive. If the tests show no significant harm to

the animals after about a year of transmissions, the scientists hope to operate the speakers according to their own schedule in an effort to study global warming. But they acknowledged that any further studies would require the approval of the whale

Scientists are eager to press ahead because the project is so superior to any other method of detecting global warming.

ships at great cost can generate a finite number of readings, perhaps 100 or at most HETRIB INDE

200 on a good voyage.

By contrast, ATOC would probe the average temperature of a vast body of water, greatly increasing the reliability of the information while significantly cutting

During a decade, the signature of global warming is anticipated to be the infinitesimal speedup of sound waves so that their overall travel time across the Pacific is reduced by 1.5 seconds.

## Making Heart Surgery Less Intrusive, Quicker

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

EW YORK — When Dr. Valavanur A. Subramanian ran a scalpel along Edward Dowling's left fourth rib to make a threeinch (seven-centimeter) incision from near the nipple to the breast bone one day last month, the operating room at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan was eerily silent. The operation on Dowling, a 66-year-

old piano tuner, involved a new procedure known as minimally invasive direct coronary bypass surgery. Instead of stopping the heart and having a heart-lung machine take over its duties, Dr. Subramanian's team performed a delicate operation on the organ as it continued to beat.

Cost-cutting, technical advances and competition are pushing heart surgeons into hazardous new territory — operating on a beating heart through small incisions in the chest wall,

Dr. Subramanian's approach is one of several ways minimally invasive coronary bladder and other surgeries. Others have artery picks up blood from elsewhere.

terial grafts onto beating hearts without operations have been performed in the said Dr. David Sabiston, the author of a using heart-lung machines.

operations have been performed in the said Dr. David Sabiston, the author of a world. But it is not yet clear how many of surgery textbook who did a pioneering

allow patients to make a quicker and less the new procedures. painful recovery than with a standard bypass. It will also increase therapeutic options for those with angina, the chest pain resulting from blocked coronary arteries.

In a standard coronary bypass operation, surgeons make a foot-long incision in the chest, split the breast bone and stop the heart. As a heart-lung machine temporarily pumps oxygenated blood through the body, a surgeon takes veins from a leg, an artery from the chest, arm or abdomen, and sews it to a coronary artery. The graft restores plasty, or will be combined with them. adequate blood flow by bypassing a blockage caused by a buildup of fatty deposits.

In the new versions of the operation, surgeons operate through an incision of three or fewer inches long. They cut the internal mammary (or thoracic) artery, which courses vertically behind the rib cage, and attach it to the left anterior descending coronary artery. The mammary

The new operation, if it becomes ac- the estimated 400,000 conventional coro- coronary bypass operation in 1962. Dr. cepted, promises to be cheaper. It will nary bypasses each year could be done with Sabiston said his colleagues at Duke Uni-

Initially, the new operation seemed suitole only for the 5 percent of patients needlag repair of a single coronary artery. But

invasive bypass operations.

At the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Bartley P. Griffith said that in doing minimally able only for the 5 percent of patients needing repair of a single coronary artery. But some recent versions have been adapted to invasive bypass surgery, he uses a tho-graft as many as three arteries in several racoscope, a fiber-optic device that has been graft as many as three arteries in several patients. The operation has also been used on patients who need a second bypass.

And pioneers in the technique predict that the new procedures will offer an important incisions are made to insert a video camera, compromise between the standard bypass and nonsurgical techniques such as angio-

ONTROVERSY about the safety and effectiveness of the procedures recalls similar opposition about five years ago when experts were skeptical about the usefulness of the new laparoscopic gallbladder surgery.

But as patients demanded the less painful laparoscopic technique, surgeons quickly bypass surgery is being done. Some ver- artery's blood thus supplies the heart in learned how to do it. Now, the overwhelm- exploring ways to immobilize the region of

At least 250 minimally invasive bypass red hot stuff, everyone's asking about it,"

versity have performed several minimally

used in chest surgery for several years.

A two-inch incision is made to the left of

the breast bone. Three additional one-inch knife, surgical stapler and other instruments. In the first stage of the operation, surgeons prepare the internal mammary artery while watching on a video monitor. They go back to the standard way of working with optical loupes to sew the arteries. A cardiac surgeon, Dr. Delos M. Cos-

ove of the Cleveland Clinic, said, "The

best thing about all this is that it will give a tremendous boost for technology and impetus for us to rethink what we are doing." Dr. Subramanian said he and others were sions are modeled after the video-assisted, place of its own blocked circulation, while ing majority of gallbladders are removed the heart where a new graft is to be sewn. Among methods under investigation are Minimally invasive bypass surgery "is drugs, suction devices, other instruments, Dr. Valavanur A. Subramanian, left, scientists are able to confirm or disprove cold temperatures and electric shocks.



#### IN BRIEF

#### **European Collider Gears Up**

PARIS (IHT) - The large electronpositron collider at the European Particle Physics Laboratory has begun operating at a higher energy level at which scientists hope to find so-called super-symmetrical particles and a new understanding of matter.

Scientists believe that for every known particle there is a super-symmetrical particle. Finding such objects could shed light on the mysterious "dark matter" that makes up to 90 percent of the mass of the universe. It could also cast questions on the standard model that attempts to explain the relationship between particles and forces.

The LEP accelerator, which is housed in a 27-kilometer (17-mile) tunnel straddling the French-Swiss border, has been used for the past six years to investigate the weak force that binds atoms together and helps in understanding the nuclear force that fuels the sun. A key elementary particle known as Z was first sighted at the laboratory, known as CERN after its initials in French.

With the addition of 16 more superconducting magnetic cavities, bringing the particles at much higher energy levels. By studying the traces from such collisions, using his less-invasive procedure. theories about the nature of matter.

## At Some Nursing Homes, Intimacy Is Becoming a Matter of Policy

By Matthew Purdy New York Times Service

EW YORK — They met last New Year's Eve. He was tall with an easy manner. She was petite with a girlish smile. He asked her to dance and held her close. "I didn't push him away," she said. "I've been around awhile. I've pushed a lot of

It was a modern romance, at once pure and complicated. First, there was his wife. He was still married, although separated. Then, there was his walker.

thopedic shoes, shuffling along with the help of a walker. He is 76, impaired by

of his wife to want his name kept private. remains vital to the end of life." But Mrs. Heilbron is smitten. She's 85 and has waited 45 years since her husband died to fall in love again.

This is a scene from a nursing home, where those who care for the elderly and infirm report a kind of sexual revolution. The revolution is not among the elderly, who experts say have always demonstrated an enduring urge for intimacy, but in the attitude of those who provide care. They are beginning to recognize that sexual activity is normal and beneficial for patients even for those with Alzheimer's disease.

'It's not just a matter of dirty old men Fritzie Heilbron's prince came to her not and disgusting old women, 'said Robert astride a white horse, but in black or- N. Butler, the director of the International Longevity Center at Mount Sinai Hospital. "The importance of tenderness, touching,

At the Hebrew Home for the Aged, a 1,200-bed nursing home and Alzheimer's research center in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, where Mrs. Heilbron and her companion found each other, a new policy gives patients the right to privacy so they can carry on intimate relationships. In confronting the issue directly, the Hebrew Home is in the vanguard of the shift away from seeing sex in nursing homes as a behavior problem.

The policy states that "residents have the right to seek out and engage in sexual expression" and the right to obtain "materials with sexually explicit content," including books, magazines and videos,

The home is training its staff to recognize and respect intimate relationships,

of a couple to a single room to provide privacy. (None have asked to live together.) In the case of Alzheimer's patients or other cognitively impaired residents, the nursing home officials consult with social workers, nurses and families to determine whether both residents are willing participants and decide whether the relations

should continue.

Because most nursing home residents share rooms, some homes around the United States have set aside rooms that couples can use for privacy, and others have formalized policies for addressing sexual activity. like the one at the Hebrew Home. But Meredith Wallace, a geriatric nurse at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven who has written about sexuality of Parkinson's disease, and with enough fear being together in bed is an expression that and officials there say they will try to assist the aged, said many homes are moving objections, from the danger of patients sweep this issue under the cover."

budding romances by moving one member slowly, if at all, to break down "the old stereotypes.

Antonette Zeiss, a clinical psychologist at the Veterans Administration Health Care System in Palo Alto, California, who has instructed nursing home administrators in California on sexual relations among patients, said the subject is difficult to confront because "it's the conjunction of two

taboos about sex.' "The first," she said, "is that sex is for the young. The second is that sex is for the

cognitively intact." She said that in her experience most people who run nursing homes agree that residents have a right to sexual expression, but it is difficult for staff members to support because they feel uncomfortable with it.'

Others have raised more straightforward

physically hurting themselves to the violation of moral laws at homes that are run by religious organizations. Janet Lowe, a nurse's aide at the Hebrew

Home, said that the first time she realized two unwed residents were having a relationship, "I was shocked. You don't think of your grandparents having sex.' Ms. Lowe said other members of the staff had stronger objections. "Some peo-

ple thought it should be stopped because they weren't married." Jacob Reingold, the vice chairman of the Hebrew Home, which is run according to Orthodox Jewish law, acknowledges that the home would face a quandary if two unwed

patients wanted to live together. But Mr.

Reingold said he was intent on fighting the

tendency in the nursing home industry "to

But after Father Caspar dis-

appears as a result of what turns

descends into a nightmare of

hell in James Joyce's "Portrait

Roberto also dreams that his

#### BRIDGE

By Alan Truscot

DLAYING for the Harter queen as South's tenth trick. Cup, the Greater New York Bridge Association's double the replay and the play began knockout team championship similarly. But at the fourth trick for non-life masters. Donald South led the spade queen in-Cline and Laura Schisgall, as stead of a trump and ran into & Co. North-South, had a challenging trouble. East's king was won by bidding problem when East the ace, and when another diopened three clubs in third po- amond was led West was able

double would have earned at least 500, but the partnership landed in a precarious fourheart contract after a take-out double and a cue-bid of four The singleton club was led,

and South won with dummy's ace to avert a ruff. She led a heart to the king and then a \$642 diamond to the king, West
holding up both her red aces. The next heart lead brought the jack, queen and ace, and West played a third trump to dummy s ten.

The spade queen was led, and covered by the king and ace. South cashed the heart nine, removing the last trump while throwing a diamond from the dummy. She then entered dummy with a spade lead to the ten and played a club.

East took the king and returned THE ISLAND OF THE a club to the queen, after which a diamond lead established then

The contract was the same in sition, in the diagramed deal. to take the ace and play a third Three no-trump would have diamond. East ruffed this with been successful, and a penalty the heart jack dooming South,

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**BOOKS** 

DAY BEFORE

By Umberto Eco. Translated from Italian by William Weaver. 515 pages. \$25. A Helen and Kurt Wolff Book/Harcourt Brace

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

HE year is 1643 at the open-I ing of Umberto Eco's intermittently amusing new novel, where in the South Pacific, Roberto della Griva, "a sickly youth," finds himself "the only man in human memory to have been shipwrecked and cast up upon a deserted ship."

Yes, you read that right, dear reader, as the playfully intrusive narrator of Eco's story might have said if he were inclined to express himself in a contempovary idiom. After the ship eventually crawling exhausted fers him a choice: being ex- longitude problem. In fact, his naissance eyes. aboard another ship, the Daphne, ecuted or voyaging aboard the work is what led to his ship-

strength. Roberto finds it to be fully provisioned and apparently deserted, except that he begins to see signs of a mysterious Other This reminds Roberto that all

his life he has sensed the presence of a missing brother, who seems so real that Roberto has even named him: Ferrante. As he searches the ship for Ferrante, the narrative reports his life up to the point of his shipwreck. This flashback takes the form of a Bildungsroman about a young romantic who first pursues the ideal of chivalry during the Thirty Years' War and then practices to become a salon philosopher in Paris during the time of Cardinal Richelien.

scientific implications of Amaryllis goes down in a storm, misunderstanding, this speech

 Sergeant David Perkel, trombone player in the U.S. Air Force Band, is reading "The Interpretation of Dreams" by Sigmund Freud.
"I'm reading this because I

wanted to find out about Freud and what he has to say.' (Ilise Gersten, IHT)



chooses the Amaryllis, of as far as one can go in this plot course, and ends up being ship-summary without completely wrecked.

recked. confusing the reader and giving Meanwhile, his search of the away certain surprises. One dif-At one gathering, Roberto new ship has revealed not his ficulty is that the narrator of himself that the Daphne is an suspended in time. The narrator delivers a long speech on the phantom brother, Ferrante, but Eco's story does not speak a chored at the 180th meridian, compares the two of them to instead Father Caspar Wander- comemporary idiom. Endlessly the Germanic Father Caspar Donne's "stiff twin compasses, unguentum armarium, of drossel. "e Societate Iesu, olim digressive and long-winded, he weapon salve, a substance that in Herbipolitano Franconiae sounds instead like a Renaistration that at this point of the earth in the substance that in Herbipolitano franconiae sounds instead like a Renaistration that at this point of the earth in the substance that in Herbipolitano franconiae sounds instead like a Renaistration that at this point of the earth in the substance that it is substance that in the substance that it is substance that heals wounds when applied not Gymnasio, postea in Collegio sance philosopher divagating there is a line that on this side is to the wound but instead to any Romano Matheseos Professor, on the great mysteries of the day after and on that side the follow or to return together to blood on the weapon that in- and, further, astronomer, and age. More precisely, he sounds day before. And not only at the center." But the conceit is a

The results are diverting in today, and the next day the entertainment which is anchored near what appears to Roberto to be an island.

Exploring the Daphne, after he base begun to recover his termine longitude. Roberto in his project, and that's about the solution to the world-per
Now Caspar enlists Roberto to his termine longitude. Roberto in his project, and that's about the solution to the world-per
eaten to his same the local, and the least day he entertainment.

Same, and so on! Sine miraculo, naturaliter." So the island and "Foucault's Pendulum." across the line from the Daphne is on the staff of The New York Times.

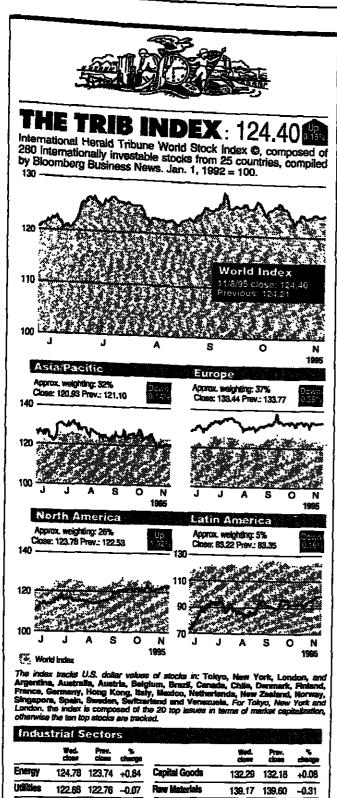
fore" is effective so long as its plot is grounded in some semblance of reality. For instance, out to be the novel's most one is happy to explore the wrenching development. Eco's paradoxes of the romantic tem-story goes off its track and gets perament so long as they ex- stuck inside Roberto's head. plain why Roberto can never While learning how to swim, he approach a woman he loves but is poisoned by a stone fish and prefers to write to her instead. We tolerate the narrator's hell. Here Eco suffers a debrain-twisting comparison of constructive anxiety of influ-jealousy to storytelling so long ence and produces a pale imas it relates to how Roberto feels itation of the great sermon on about Ferrante.

And we are even amused by of the Artist as a Young the devout Father Caspar's Man." elaborate working out of where all the water for Noah's flood beloved is on a rock on the came from, if only because it island and decides to unite with begins to explain the title of her by drifting away along the Eco's novel. Having convinced meridian and thereby becoming flicted the wound. Through a student of many other disci- like a modern semiotics pro- midnight but also at seven, at bit too metaphysical to make plines, at the General Curia of fessor (which, of course, is ten, every hour! God then took sense. As he drifts away, so Roberto, a nonswimmer, surgets Roberto arrested by no less the Order." Father Caspar, too, what Eco happens to be) exfrom this abysso the water of does one's admiration for what vives by clinging to a plank and than Cardinal Mazarin, who of has been trying to solve the ploring the cosmos through Reverteday (that you see there) up to that point had been a stimand emptied it on the world of ulating if somewhat cerebral

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New York Times Service

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range of everyday products, making high-

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gives users improved control of their cur-

sors. Scores of other products are in the

Thirty percent of the company's products could be tied to this in 10

years," said Roger Appeldorn, the sci-

entist who has been 3M's most zealous

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hectare) area in Upper Michigan were novation at its best," said Ronald Mitsch,

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screens and diapers are growing from a the hurdles facing innovation even in the single manufacturing technology called most receptive of environments.

surfaces of large sheets of plastic, rubber company's Post-It note pads, and it en-

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The latest application, just in time for carion first caught 3M's attention, no Christmas, is a computer mouse pad that

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## British Rail Privatization on Track Opponents Fail to Hold Up First Round of Sell-Offs

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribus

LONDON - Years after the idea was first floated, the hugely controversial pri-vatization of British Rail is about to switch onto the fast track.

Winning bids for the first major pieces of the system to be sold off - three a race against the political clock. companies that among them will own all 11,000 of the system's locomotives and rail cars - are expected to be announced Thursday morning.

With the opposition Labor Party insisting that rail privatization should not happen, and many financial analysts wondering if it can happen, the govemment now faces the greatest test to date of a process that was the very hallmark of Thatcherism and symbolizes 16 years of Conservative rule. Having inspired the world with the successful sell-offs of state assets ranging from its telephone monopoly to its airline, the government is making another stab at a precedent.

Only a few systems have ever been privatized anywhere in the world," says Professor Chris Nash, a transportation specialist at the University of Leeds.

He listed railroads in Argentina and New Zealand as well as parts of the U.S. rail network.

Ignoring both opponents and skeptics, the government has pushed ahead with plans to announce the winning bidders for the first three passenger rail franchises by the end of the year and to have fully 51

private hands by this spring.
A target date in the spring has also been company that will own all BR's switches, track and stations, including such famous properties as London's Victoria and King's Cross stations.

But privatization has now also become

Far behind in the polls, the government general election is held.

by insisting the system should remain in public hands and hinting at a possible renationalization under Labor.

of the market value of Rail Track, the system's supposed crown jewel, with its vast property holdings. Rail Track was originally believed to be worth more than £4 billion (\$632 billion), but now some analysts calculate that it might fetch only a quarter of that sum.

"The government has made a com-plete dog's breakfast of privatization." charges Adrian McNamin, a Labor spokesman. These are major public assets, and the price seems to be going down and down and down."

Politics aside, one of the government's Securities. key problems is simply the immense scale percent of the passenger franchises in of its own ambitions. It seeks not only to has raised hackles in powerful quarters.

transfer the company to private hands but to break it up in a bid to encourage set for the flotation of Rail Track, the competition. In the process, privarization has grown so complex that its precise dimensions at times seem to elude even the government.

There are about 90 pieces to be sold off, but no one has ever really counted them all," said Suzy Craythom, a spokeswoman for the Department of Transport. In is eager to get as much of the system into contrast, preliminary steps toward the private hands as possible and as early as eventual sell-off of rail systems in Gerpossible to be able to point to big immany and the Netherlands have focused on provements in service by the time the next reorganization into just three or four

In the meantime, Tony Blair, the Labor leader, has tossed a wrench into the works come a victim of its own complexity," said Nigel Davies, an analyst at Panmure Gordon.

Investors wonder just what exactly That political uncertainty has been they are being offered and how the new largely blamed for plummeting estimates entities are supposed to operate.

What concerns politicians and rail users alike is that the already little loved, overly bureaucratic operation will become bogged down in a morass of 90 separate companies - some privatized, some awaiting privatization - trying to find their own way and at the same time under pressure to improve service.

"The new system will require an incredibly high level of communication between all these companies in order for any of them to operate efficiently," said Marshall Whiting, an analyst with S.G.S.T.

Even the drive for increased efficiency

## **Dollar Weakness And Car Sector Dent Volvo Profit**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
STOCKHOLM — Volvo AB reported a 15 percent drop in nine-month pretax profit on Wednesday, blaming surging costs at its car division and a weak U.S. dollar for the belowpar performance.

The company said it earned 10.8 billion kronor (\$1.61 billion), down from 12.7 billion kronor in the like period a year

Sales, driven by strong truck orders, rose 15 percent, to 129.1 billion kronor.

Operating profit rose to 8.88 billion kronor from 6.95 bil-

But Volvo's flagship auto business, which is anchored by U.S. sales, saw its nine-month operating profit shrink 7 per-cent, to 1.93 billion kronor.

Volvo attributed the decline to rising development and operating costs as well as detrimental foreign exchange rates. A weak dollar cuts into the value of Volvo's U.S. sales when they are converted to European currencies.

"The phase of product and market development in which Volvo Car is now engaged will continue to involve high costs and will not be fully reflected in earnings for several years," said Soeren Gyll, chief exec-

Bjoern Germer, chief analyst at Matteus Fondkommission, said, "After this report, it's hard to be optimistic about the whole thing.

Volvo B shares closed down in Stockholm.

The currency-related loss primarily just hit the division Volvo Cars, where a stronger Deutsche mark and Belgian franc increased costs, and a weaker dollar hurt sales income.

while accounting for 50 percent of group sales.

Separately, Fiat SpA said its truck unit Iveco had signed a joint venture deal to produce 12,000 of its own Iveco trucks a year in the Ukraine, Reuters reported from Turin, Italy.

Fiat said the deal had been agreed by the Ukraine's only industrial vehicle maker, Kraz. and by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Develop-

ment and Iveco.
(Bloomberg, AP)

#### TFI Chairman Is Released After Fraud Inquiry

PARIS — Patrick Le Lay, chairman of France's biggest private television broadcaster TF1, was allowed to return home Wednesday after being questioned by police as part of a judicial fraud probe.

He was held by police for questioning for more than 24 hours in an investigation involving the state-owned lottery.

Mr. Le Lay was not formally placed under investigation. It was not known whether he would face formal charges. Investigators have said they

suspect TF1 of having paid 10 million francs (\$2 million) to Gerard Cole, former president of the national Française des Jeux lottery, to keep exclusive broad-5.50 kronor, at 140.50 kronor, cast rights to lottery drawings. TF1 has denied the allegations. TF1 said police officers had

searched its offices for three hours Tuesday before taking Mr. Le Lay for questioning. Mr. Le Lay has called the accusation that TF1 had paid Mr. Cole to Volvo Car musters only a keep exclusive rights to the lotquarter of Volvo's earnings, tery results "grotesque."

## Russia Replaces Central Bank Governor

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin on Wednesday fired Tatyana Paramonova as head of the central bank and appointed her deputy a temporary replacement.

The move had been widely expected since the State Duma, Parliament's lower house, declined this summer for a second time to confirm Ms. Paramonova's nomination. She took over the post in October 1994 and since has stayed on as acting chief.

Alexander Khandruyev, the central bank's first deputy chairman, will take over

favored by senior executives, the result microreplication and other promising ad-

would be sales of as much as \$8 billion a vances, the sluggish growth of its earn-

year, greater than last year's revenues at ings serves as a warning that there is more

tering new technology.

over last year.

improvements.

Many analysis say 3M's heavy invest-

ment in such low-margin commodity

businesses as videotapes, film and floppy

dead end, as most consumers prefer ever

cheaper, standardized products to new

features at higher prices.

Overall, 3M's growth in profit and sales has not been stellar. Although last

year's sales and profit were at record

levels, net income was virtually flat from

1991 to 1994, and sales growth in the

period was a modest 16 percent. This year

has brought only slight improvement

cent this year, compared with nearly 28

percent for the Standard & Poor's 500

Microreplication may yet pay off on this front, though, helping 3M buy time to

prove that it can wring greater profit from

its commodity businesses through over-

seas expansion, cost controls and product

3M thinks about managing everything from light, fluids and sound to electrical

connections and plain old wear and tear

Thanks to microreplication, 3M de-

veloped a thin transparent sheet of plastic

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on surfaces that rub together.

The technology is changing the way

3M shares have risen only about 9 per-

such giants as Eli Lilly & Co., Kellogg to corporate strategy than simply fos-

trial and consumer businesses and one of disks has led the company into a strategic

from a hospital where he is being treated dling last August's liquidity crisis and a for heart problems. Ms. Paramonova has been credited with

holding to tight monetary policies that have helped bring down inflation and stabilize the ruble for the first time since the start of Russia's economic reforms in 1992. She also has been instrumental in mod-

emizing the central bank, building an institution suited to Russia's emerging market out of a bank designed for the Soviet command economy.

But she has been criticized by comas caretaker governor until a replacement is mercial banks and politicians for tight-found, Mr. Yeltsin said in a decree issued ening reserve requirements and mishanmercial banks and politicians for tight-

Output

Increases

In China

Bloomberg Business News

easing of credit in recent

months has begun to warm its

economy, resulting in increased

industrial output and sales in

October, economists said

September, and we should see a

modest bounce from October

on," said Chen Xingdong, an

economist with Crosby Secu-

rities in Beijing.

Data showing that inflation

was slowing might give the government sufficient confi-

dence to ease credit further, oth-

The government said incre-

mental industrial output - the

most widely watched measure

of China's industrial produc-

tion -- grew at an annual rate of

12.9 percent in October, com-

pared with 12.3 percent for the

October's industrial output was valued at 151.3 billion

yuan (\$18.2 billion), bringing

the total for the first 10 months

of the year to 1.4 trillion yuan,

13.3 percent more than in the

As part of a campaign to curb

inflation, central bank officials

in September directed major

Mr. Chen said the growth in

like period last year.

"The economy hit bottom in

Wednesday.

er analysts said.

third quarter.

BEIJING - China's slight

growing tide of bank insolvencies. Economists and some legislators said the change of central bank leadership was not

likely to alter Russia's monetary policy. "Alexander Khandruyev is not likely to steer monetary policy onto a new track, and obviously he will not just hand out soft loans," said Alexander Pochinok, deputy head of the Duma's budget committee 'The course will be the same, but there will be more order, just because in certain circumstances it is easier for a man to do something which a woman cannot do."

## French Cabinet Vows Cuts

By Max Berley Special to the International Herald Tribuna

PARIS — The streamlined new cabinet of Prime Minister Alain Juppé pledged Wednesday to attack France's growing public deficit in what it portrayed as an effort to create jobs as well as practice fiscal discipline.

Chairing the first meeting of the cabinet, President Jacques Chirac proclaimed a new emphasis on financial rigor.

We will not be able to fight unemployment if we do not fight very strongly against the deficit and debt," he said, according to aides. While the changes in the French cabinet

appeared slight at first glance, analysts and economists say Mr. Juppé's new team reflects a commitment to reducing France's deficits and to meeting the criteria for European mon-Tuesday, after only six months in office,

Mr. Juppé presented the resignation of his entire cabinet, himself included, to Mr. Chirac, who then renominated him as prime minister and charged him with creating a new cabinet. "The decision is in line with the policies

Chirac defined in his speech 10 days ago, said Jean-François Mercier, French economist at Salomon Brothers Inc. in London. "He said he wanted to reduce deficits and now he has to deliver the goods." Optimism that the cabinet shuffle meant the

government was serious about cutting the budget deficit helped stabilize French financial markets Wednesday. On the Paris Bourse, the CAC-40 blue-chip index rose 0.48 percent, to 1,866.33 points, while the French franc closed in Paris steady at 3.4553 Deutsche marks. "The signal is clear, as it's the first time a

government has been dissolved in the middle of budget negotiations with the Parliament," a Paris-based economist said.

The first target, they say, will be the deficit of the social security administration, which grew to 60 billion francs (\$12 billion) in 1994 and is expected to have grown an additional 65 billion francs in 1995. The creation of a "superministry" encom-

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Jacques percent in three years.)

daitoi snows inai ine government intends to take a hard line on reforming social security when the subject comes up for discussion in Parliament next week, analysts said.

"By consolidating the three ministries into one, the government has shown that it wants to present a unified front on social security deficit reduction, which is a crucial aspect of the cleansing of public finances," said Valerie As-selot, an economist at Crédit Lyonnais in

Economists also were encouraged by the appointment of Alain Lamassoure to the dual post of budget undersecretary and government spokesman. The appointment of Mr. Lamassoure, who is known as a strong proponent of European unity and was a close associate of former Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, is meant to send a signal that France will meet the Maastricht treaty's criteria for monetary union by slashing its deficit no more than 3 percent of

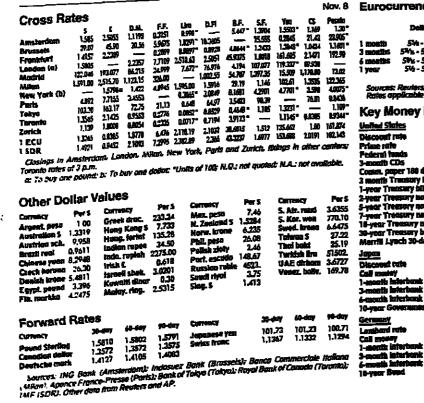
gross domestic product by 1997. On Wednesday, Mr. Lamassoure moved to assure foreign investors by announcing a plan designed to eliminate the red tape involved in investing in France. Starting early next year, foreign investors will no longer be required to obtain government permission before investing in France.

A major test for the new government will come Thursday, when the Bank of France's monetary policy council meets. Analysts said they expected a reduction in the 24-hour rate as a sign of the central bank's approval of the new cabinet. But no move on the key rates is expected before the government finishes the social security debate in Parliament.

The government also faces opposition from unions, who have accused the government of planning to curb benefits, Reuters reported. France's rail workers union called for a nationwide train strike Tuesday to protest government spending cuts.

Air France, meanwhile, issued its final offer to avert a crippling three-day strike by its cabin crews set to begin Thursday. Two unions representing 85 percent of the airline's cabin crew called the strike to protest cuts in starting passing the previous ministries dealing with health, old age and labor and headed by new productivity at the unprofitable airline by 30

#### **CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES**



commercial banks to issue more capital loans so that companies could meet their day-to-day Nov. 8 Eurocurrency Deposits Yeq ECU output and sales had "a lot to do ች፦ % ሃ- % ሂ- ች ቁ- ት with the easing of working-capital loans recently." **Key Money Rates** <u>Britolo</u> Bank, base rate

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## OECD: Growth to Pick Up 'Somewhat'

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Economic growth in the inyear's sharper-than-expected pause.

That's the view expressed by Kumiharu Shigehara, chief economist at the Orga- expected to get back to 2.8 percent. nization for Economic Cooperation and

Although the officials were unwilling to put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers on the forecast, the object of the put specific numbers of the pu

months ago for next year. This year's growth forecast has been re-

dustrialized countries next year is forecast vised downward to 2.3 percent from the 2.7 to pick up only "somewhat" from this percent predicted in June. Next year's growth is projected at 2.5 percent instead of 2.7 percent, and only in 1997 is expansion

The disappointment largely emanates Development, and Joseph E. Stiglitz, chair-from Japan, where this year's growth is now man of the U.S. Council of Economic Ad- expected to be one percentage point below visers and head of the OECD's Economic the June forecast, but also comes from in Policy Committee, which completed a two-day review of the outlook Wednesday.

Europe — where a half-point has been cut — and the United States, where growth is projected as 0.2 percentage point lower than

Inflation, meanwhile, is forecast to re-

in its 25 member countries will only catch up main contained at around 2 percent in the in 1997 to the level that was forecast six United States over the next two years. But by 1997, the OECD expects inflation in Germany to be running higher, at 2.2 percent, and in Europe overall at 2.7 percent. The previous forecast had the rates in the

United States and Europe virtually equal. Unemployment in Europe is now expected to drop slightly faster than previously forecast, to 10.5 percent next year instead of 10.6 percent, and then to 10.3 percent in

The OECD also predicted a minor re- 1 duction in the U.S. current-account deficit, - and the United States, where growth is an equally minor adjustment in Japan's surplus and virtually no change in Europe. The current account includes trade in goods and services as well as private capital flows

**Very briefly:** 

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emotion when the ruling was read.

U.S. Orders Schneider Extradition

MIAMI (AFP) - A U.S. district court Wednesday ordered the

The government has more than established for each of the

extradition to Germany of the former property magnate Jürgen Schneider on charges of fraud, fraudulent bankruptcy and fal-

charges the burden of proof for probable cause," the judge of the

Florida court said after a daylong hearing.

Mr. Schneider, who was arrested here May 18, did not show any

• Learning Co. said it would accept a takeover offer valued at \$60.26 a share from Broderbund Software Inc. rather than a hostile offer of \$64.65 a share from SoftKey International Inc.

• Boriand International Inc. plans to create software-devel-

opment tools based on Sun Microsystems Inc.'s technology. The

product would let programmers quickly write software based on

Sun's Java computer language, which is becoming the standard

American Airlines will consider forging code-sharing alliances with European airlines because regulatory hurdles have

Michael Jackson sold the music publishing rights to about 250

Beatles songs and other titles to Sony Corp. for about \$95

AP, Bloomberg

for presenting documents and images on the Internet.

airline has shied away from such agreements so far.

## Rockefeller Center Makes a Deal

By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

NEW YORK - An investor group led by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and including David Rockefeller has struck a deal to buy Rockefeller Center from Rockefeller Center Properties Inc., the real estate investment trust that is preparing to take ownership of the trophy Manhattan property.

The Goldman group will pay \$8 a share, or \$306.1 million, to buy out the shareholders of the real estate investment trust. The group will also assume roughly \$845 million in debt and other liabilities.

By raising its original offer of \$7.75 a share, the Goldman group beat out a proposal by Gotham Partners LP, one of Rockefeller Center Properties' large shareholders, that would have kept the property in the hands of the trust's shareholders.

It also scotched a deal the trust had reached with an investor group led by Sam control.

Zell, the Chicago financier, which would have allowed shareholders to retain an in65 years, and for almost that entire time, it terest in Rockefeller Center.

Both Gotham and the Zell group declined to comment, saying they had not had time to evaluate the Goldman deal.

Still, the deal appears likely to have ended a pitched battle for Rockefeller Cen- in the Place Vendôme." ter. Moreover, it means Mr. Rockefeller efeller Jr., built in the middle of the Great

Mr. Rockefeller said the investors would "assure that the center remains a treasured asset of our city and our nation.'

That view was echoed by Jerry L Speyer, that is part of the Goldman group and will

has been a leader worldwide in terms of location and position in the office market,' Mr. Speyer said. "When you say Rockefeller Center, it means something. whether you say it in the Ginza in Tokyo or

The Goldman investors, Gotham and has apparently succeeded in his fight to Zell's group have been competing for conrestore his family's interest in the landmark trol of the property since its owners, two property that his father, John D. Rock-partnerships owned by Rockefeller Group Inc., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy-law

protection in May.
In September, Mitsubishi Estate Co., which owned an 80 percent stake in the Rockefeller Group, stunned the real estate world when it decided to walk away from president of Tishman Speyer Properties its almost \$2 billion investment in the Inc., the New York real estate company center and hand over ownership to the trust. which held a \$1.3 billion mortgage. The operate the property when the group takes control.

Rockefeller family trusts own the other 20 percent of Rockefeller Group.

## **Bond Rally Propels** Dow to Record High

NEW YORK - Stocks rose to a record Wednesday as bonds incredible moves to the upside rallied and Internet-related is- on Internet stocks. sues rebounded from Tuesday's slump amid optimism that software companies will show strong growth.

The Dow Jones industrial av-

#### U.S. STOCKS

& Poor's Corp.'s 500 index rose 5.39 to an all-time high of 591.71.

Advancing issues outpaced decliners by a 13-to-9 ratio on Tuesday it lost \$10.3 million in the New York Stock Exchange. Oil, beverage and electrical

equipment issues led the broad A surge in bond prices also helped push stocks up. The

benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was up 25/32 point, at 108 12/32, as investors displayed confidence that the Federal Reserve would soon lower interest rates. The 30-year bond yield The money maker for News Corp. was fell to 6.25 percent from 6.31 its television stations. Operating income percent on Tuesday. from television jumped 67 percent, to \$82

Stocks and bonds were million from \$49 million. Revenue rose to helped by optimism the federal budget will be balanced although Congress and President Bill Clinton remained at odds on the issue. Investors expect the impasse to be resolved, leading to federal belt-tightening that will belp slow the economy's

growth and restrain inflation. The rally in bonds helped stocks rebound from Tuesday's slump as investors bet budget cuts would give the Federal Reserve room to lower interest rates again, spurring economic growth and stronger earnings

growth next year. Investors shifted money into software companies and firms selling Internet access products, reacting to a slump in computer

chip shares Tuesday. Semiconductor shares declined the most, "People are a little less excited about semiconductor stock," said Jeff Roberts, a manager at Trendline Research & Management Corp.

Micky Mazzera, head of list-

ed stock trading at Alex. Brown & Sons, said, "There have been

Cirrus Logic rose 1 1/8, to 29 1/8, rebounding from Tuesday. after the company said one of its major customers was reducing orders for certain graphics erage rose 55.64 points, to a and audio chips. Cirrus said the record 4,852.67. The Standard cutback was partly a result of the customer's forecast for demand. The company said this would reduce revenue for the

current quarter. But America Online fell 3%. to 7814, after the computer online service company said late the July-September quarter after taking a special charge re-lated to its acquisition of

Ubique Inc. In other technology issues, Sun Microsystems rose 11/2 to 81 %. Borland International rose 2%, to 15%. The software developer said it planned to creare software-development tools hased on Sun Microsystems's Java object-oriented program-

ming language.
IBM declined ¾, to 97¾, and Intel fell 1 1/8, to 651/4. Cimco rose 114, to 91/8, after M.H. Hanna, a specialty chem-

ical company, agreed to buy Cimco, a maker of plastic compounds and components, for about \$31 million... Oxford Health Plans fell 414, to 6514. Its chief executive, Stephen Wiggins, said rapid

growth had increased the company's administrative costs, which may prevent the company from reporting fourthquarter earnings at the high end of analysts' expectations. Department Federated Stores rose 114, to 2814, even

after the retailer reported a loss of \$46.4 million for the third

Dillard Department Stores, meanwhile, fell ¾, to 29 1/8, after third-quarter profit fell below expectations.

Auto shares slipped after analysts predicted that Ford Motor would show a fourth-quarter loss. Ford fell 1/s, to 281/s. (Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

## Lower Film Earnings Hurt News Corp.

NEW YORK - News Corp. said Wednesday that its net earnings rose 1 percent in its financial first quarter, helped

by a one-time gain, but that its operating profit fell because of lower earnings from The Sydney-based company earned a net \$227 million in the quarter that ended Sept. 30, up from \$224 million in the yearago period. Profit was lifted by a one-time in of \$17 million from currency trans-

lations related to its Australia-based Ansett

Airlines. A year ago, News Corp. had an unspecified \$2 million charge.

Revenue rose 5 percent in the quarter, to \$2.31 billion from \$2.20 billion. erating profit was hurt by higher costs at the company's STAR TV satellite network and

But the company's profit from operations fell to \$210 million from \$222 million a year ago.

News Corp.'s film division, which includes the 20th Century Fox film studio, reported a 47 percent drop in operating income, to \$30 million. Revenue fell to \$573 million from \$621 million. A year ago, Fox had a number of big hits, in-cluding "Speed" and "True Lies." The only hit in the first quarter was "Die Hard III," analysts said.

In addition to lower film revenue, op-

\$510 million from \$404 million. At the company's newspaper divisions, operating profit rose to \$80 million from

by higher newsprint prices.

\$77 million. The newspaper segment includes the British newspapers the Sun, Today and the Sunday Times. Newspaper revenue rose to \$554 million from \$512 (Bloomberg, Reuters)

## Japanese Asset Sales Weigh on Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against

the yen Wednesday after a report showed Jananese investors had sold more foreign stocks and bonds in September than they had bought.

That pushed Japan's capital account into frustrated its attempt to penetrate the European market, Robert surplus for the first time since March. Crandall, chairman of the airline's parent company, said. The meaning more investment capital flowed into Japan than out that month.

When Japanese investors sell overseas assets to bring their profits home, they generally sell their proceeds in foreign currencies for yen.

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The dollar closed at 102.61 year, off from French franc and other European curren-103.02 yen, but it rose to 1.4220 Deutsche cies. When the mark falls against its Eumarks from 1.4163 DM.

"When everybody has been fixated on the amount of money pouring out of Japan, and then we see that they were actually

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repatriating in September, it makes people pause," said Amy Smith Beaumont, cur-

rency market strategist at IDEA.

ropean counterparts, it often helps the U.S. currency as investors sell marks. The dollar rose to 1.1460 Swiss francs

from 1.1390 francs and to 4.8945 French francs from 4.8825 francs. The pound slipped to \$1.5798 from \$1.5810.

The dollar rose to a record against the

Mexican peso for a second day, climbing to 7.850 pesos from 7.475 pesos Tuesday, and traders said the move represented an attack The dollar rose against the mark as the on the currency amid concern over gov-German currency slid against the lira, ernment policies. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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#### WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## Domestic Sales Rise Helps Siemens Beat Strong Mark

MUNICH—Siemens AG said Wednesday that rising domestic sales had offset the negative effects of the strong Deutsche mark, helping profit in its latest financial year rise 5 percent, to 2.08 billion DM (\$1.47 billion) from 1.99 billion DM.

Excluding a one-time gain from a sale of assets last year, the electronics and heavy-equipment company said profit rose 25 percent, from 1.65 billion DM a year earlier.

According to preliminary figures, sales rose 5 percent, to 88.8 billion DM from 84.6 billion DM. Final results for are to be released Dec. 14

Siemens said the strength of the mark reduced revenue by about 7 billion DM. Without the negative currency effect, sales would have risen 13 percent, the company said.

Domestic orders jumped 8 percent, to 38 billion DM, while German sales rose 6 percent, to Underwriting Bolsters Munich Re 37.9 billion DM. International business was hurt by the strong mark and a dip in major contracts. Foreign orders were steady at 53.9 billion DM, while sales gained 4 percent to 50.9 billion DM. U.S. orders rose in dollar terms but declined 7 percent when translated into marks.

Some analysts, who said the profit was within expectations, said they were surprised that the company's shares fell 4 DM, to 745.

There are a lot of doubters." said Robin Maxwell of Dresdner Bank AG. "I wouldn't read too many negatives into it, though,

Divisional results were mixed. The components division, which includes semiconductors, was the biggest earner. The unit posted pretax profit of 1.02 billion DM, nearly triple the 300

million DM it earned a year earlier.

The computer unit, Siemens Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG, posted profit of 62 million DM, reversing a loss of 319 million DM a year earlier. It was the unit's first profit in four years. Siemens is becoming a technological lead-

said Peter-Thilo Hasler, an analyst at Bayerische Vereinsbank AG in Munich. He said the company's growing importance had been demonstrated by its inclusion this year in a chip alliance with International Business Ma-chines Corp., Toshiba Corp. and Motorola Inc.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Münchener Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft

AG said profit from underwriting led to an 8 percent rise in net profit in its latest year, to 325 million DM, Bloomberg Business News reported from Munich Premium income in the year to June 30 rose to 28.97 billion DM from 28.64 billion DM, while

investment income rose 3 percent, to 7.34 billion DM. The company's stock rose 10, to 2,950. The world's largest reinsurer, which is widely known as Munich Re, said profit in the next financial year would not improve significantly.

#### **Oppenheimer** Has a Suitor

Bloomberg Business News MUNICH — Bay-erische Vereinsbank AG said Wednesday it was in talks to buy Oppenheimer & Co., an acquisition that would give the bank a footbold on Wall Street and end the New York securities firm's two-year search for a buyer.

"Bayerische Vereinsbank and Oppenheimer are in talks and examining the possibility of working together." said Thomas Pfaff. a Vereinsbank spokesman. Terms were not disclosed.

Vereinsbank, one of Germany's largest banks, would probably pay about 565 million Deutsche marks (\$400.7 million) to acquire Oppenheimer, said Christopher Williams, an analyst at the brokerage concern Fox-Pitt Kelton in

#### **EU Approves Subsidy** For Dow in Germany

BRUSSELS — The European Commission on Wednesday cleared a German aid package of 9.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$6.73 billion) to help the U.S.-based Dow Chemical Co. buy a petrochemical group in

Eastern Germany subsidy only on a series of conditions that lowered the 11 billion DM price originally sought by Dow by 1.5 billion DM.

The biggest change con-cerned the commission's insis-

tence that a request for 966 million DM to subsidize energy prices be removed from the "The commission concludes

that the modified proposed plan by Dow Chemical will be viable," the commission said. The privatization of the

petrochemical concern, BSL Polyolefinverbund GmbH.

largest sales of state-owned assets since German unification five years ago. Dow's European unit would buy 80 percent of the company from BvS, the successor to the Treuhandanstalt privatization agency. BSL is the remaining core of

the publicly owned East German The commission agreed to the ubsidy only on a series of conposed of Buna GmbH, Sachsische Olefinwerke GmbH and part of Leuna-Werke GmbH. The agreed aid scheme im-

plies privatization as well as

restructuring on the basis of a plan agreed between Dow Chemical and the German authorities," the commission said, adding that Dow had been the only potential buyer. BvS has started the restructuring by closing factories and cutting the work force by 20,000 to less than 6,000.

The commission scrutinizes state subsidy programs to see would represent one of the that they comply with EU rules.

## Is SGS-Thomson Getting Ready for A Shopping Trip?

"The industry has over-

heated in the last few years,"

firm. "We are nearing the

son is absent from one of the

namic random-access mem-

RAMs - which accounts for

about 30 percent of the chip

industry - is estimated to be

by the emergence of powerful

personal computers and mem-

ory-consuming software, such

as Microsoft Corp.'s Win-

dows 95 operating system. Still, SGS-Thomson has

no plans to get into the D-RAM market, said Jean-

Philippe Dauvin, the compa-

We don't need to go into

But industry analysts dis-

agree. Continued strong

growth in D-RAMs - which

will account for about 40 per-

cent of the chip market by

2000 - implies that almost

all the big chipmakers have to

be in that market, Mr. East-

ductor companies that ana-

lysts say would be good matches for SGS-Thomson.

Thomson could be a more

credible presence in the mi-

croprocessor market by tak-

ing over Cyrix Corp., the

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that it works with to make

terested in being taken over.

But Cyrix says it is not in-

SGS-Thomson also could

forge ties with Hitachi Ltd. of

Japan or Micron Technology

Inc., of Boise, Idaho, to get a

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Mr. McClean said SGS-

ny's chief economist.

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That market is being driven

growing 80 percent a year.

The global market for D-

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What's more, SGS-Thorn-

peak of the market."

PARIS - Flush with cash last, analysts said. from its second share sale in a year, SGS-Thomson Microelectronics NV, Europe's said Bill McClean, vice presbiggest independent computident of Integrated Circuit Ener-chip maker, is expected to gineering, a Scousdale, Aribuy or team up with other zona research and consulting companies to tap rich new

"If it wants to be in the Top 10" — an often-stated ambition of what is now the industry's most lucrative secworld's 13th largest chip- tors - the market for dymaker — a merger or acquisition "is inevitable," said Jim Eastlake, a senior analyst with Dataquest, a market research firm.

SGS-Thomson, which sold percent of its shares to individual investors last December, sold a further 13 percent last month. That brought it more than \$900 million --\$375 million for the company itself and \$525 million for other companies that held equity stakes in it.

Analysts say some of that money could be used to acquire all or parts of other companies, letting SGS-Thomson tap new markets or expand in areas where the company has a small presence.

A spokeswoman for SGS-Thomson said the company had "nothing specific" in the works, but she acknowledged that an acquisition would be one way of accelerating growth.

Since its creation in 1987 through the combination of two weak European chipmakers, SGS Microelectronics of Italy and Thomson Semiconductors of France. the company has transformed itself into a nimble participant in the intensely competitive chip market.

Profit has soared, more than doubling last year, to \$363 million. In the first nine months of this year, profit grew to \$359 million from \$253 million.

But the company may need to accelerate growth soon. The spectacular boom the foot in the D-RAM market, semiconductor industry has some said.

#### **Glaxo Puts Money Into** Research

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputs has LONDON — Glaxo Wellcome PLC said Wednesday it planned to triple the productivity of its research and development operations by 2000 after a review of its drug portfolio.

The world's largest drugmaker also said it planned to introduce three medicines a year starting in 2000.

But analysts said they were not impressed by the company's presentation on drug developments. Doubts about its new products

briefly weighed on Glaxo shares, analysts said. But Glazo closed at 886 pence (\$13.99). 1 higher. "Glaxo had no new drugs that we did not already know

about," an analyst said. Another analyst said: "The cupboard is bare. There are no exciting new drugs in sight."

The company said it had weeded the entire Glaxo Wellcome portfolio since buying Wellcome PLC this year for \$15 billion. It now has 50 research pro-

jects and 93 development proiects under way.

Glaxo said despite the "complexities and distraction" of the integration, it had made 33 regulatory submissions for the first 11 months of 1995.

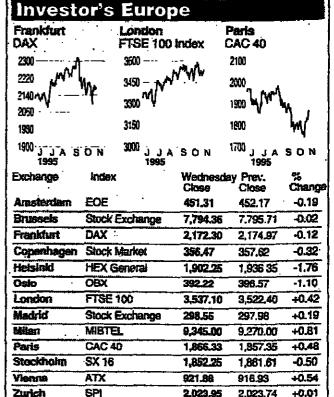
Areas of research include anti-viral compounds, cardiovascular disease, cancer and neurosciences. Considerable resources are being committed to respiratory, anti-viral, central nervous system, cancer and cardiovascular therapeutic treat-

Research and development spending is expected to total £1.2 billion (\$1.89 billion) in 1996, Glaxo said, compared with spending of £955 million

(AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

■ Pharmacia Net Falls Pharmacia AB said its net profit fell 10 percent in the first nine months of the year because of an increase in research and development and operating

costs, Agence France-Presse reported from Stockholm. Net profit slipped to 2.39 bil-lion kronor (\$357.7 million). Sales declined 2 percent, to 19.4 billion kronor.



#### Very briefly:

 Pierre Habib-Deloncle was appointed chairman of Société Marseillaise de Crédit, a state-owned regional French bank that is scheduled to be sold to the public.

 Ibéria Lineas Aéreas de España SA posted a loss of 9 billion pesetas (\$73 million) for the first 10 months of the year, narrowed from a loss of 27.17 billion pesetas a year earlier.

 KNP NV's third-quarter net profit rose to 116 million guilders (\$73 million) from 86 million guilders a year earlier as strong demand for lightweight coated paper and newsprint helped sales

rise to 3.68 billion guilders from 3.18 billion guilders. Frankfurt authorities are investigating alleged insider trading by an employee at Dresdner Bank AG in connection with shares in Klockner-Humboldt-Deutz AG, a spokesman from the pros-

· Rank Organisation PLC appointed Andrew Teare, an industry outsider, to succeed Michael Gifford as chief executive.

 The European Commission plans to standardize EU licensing procedures for satellite systems for mobile telecommunications AFX, Bloomherg, AP, Reuters

#### Tobacco Business Buoys BAT's Net

LONDON — BAT PLC said Wednesday its pretax profit jumped 20 percent, to £659 million (\$1.04 billion), in the third quarter, helped by a strong per-formance from the company's tobacco business.

The tobacco and financialservices concern added that nine-month pretax profit was up 22 percent, to £1.81 billion.

The quarterly figure exceed-

Tobacco profit rose 34 percent, to £1.21 billion, in the first nine months of the year. The company said its U.S.

ed analysts' forecasts, which

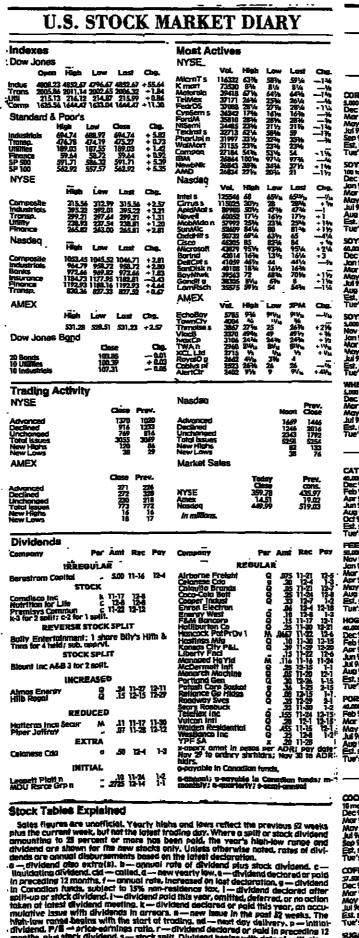
ranged from £610 million to

£630 million. BAT shares rose

13 pence, to 546.

tobacco unit benefited from price increases in May and higher volume after last year's purchase of American Tobacco. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

## **AMEX** Sales High Law Latest Chae Wednesday's 4 p.m. Close 17 616 114 114 374 16% 61/4 91/4 144 35/4 16% 60% 90% 110% The top 300 most-active shares, up to the closing on Wall Street. The Associated Press SANCES SA



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## Japan's Surplus Shrinks 10% on **Strong Imports**

imports and sluggish exports were limited by fears that the helped Japan's current-account surplus shrink 10 percent in not agree to raise the national September from a year earlier, debt ceiling. to \$10.61 billion, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

For the half-year through September, the current-account surplus dropped 7.4 percent, to \$58.30 billion, the smallest in three years.

Economists said the declines showed that the overall trend in have been re-established. the surplus was clearly downward. Japan's trading partners, especially the United States. trade. It includes merchandise frequently point to the huge trade surpluses as evidence that the Japanese market is not suf-

#### B'Shares Hit by Talk Of Tax Rise

Blowmberg Business News SHANGHAI — 'B' shares traded in Shanghai dropped Wednesday to their lowest level since May, moving in tandem with slumping Chinese stocks traded in Hong Kong amid ru-mors of higher tax rates that could puncture earnings.

The benchmark Shanghai B Share Index, which tracks chandise trade surplus fell 3 shares that foreign investors percent, to \$70.19 billion. can own, fell 2.2 percent to The outflow of long-term 51.54 points, its lowest level

since May 11. The HSCE China Enterprise Index, which tracks shares in Chinese state-owned companies traded in Hong Kong known as H shares — has dropped almost 10 percent this

impact of the H-share market," said Ben Yang, an analyst at Baring Securities in Shanghai.

TOKYO — Steady growth in day. The U.S. currency's gains

Apart from an unexpected surge in August, the trend in the Japanese trade surplus has been one of decline for most of this уеаг.

Economists said the rise in August was an anomaly and that the downward trend seemed to

The current account is the trade. It includes merchandise trade and nonmerchandise items such as banking services, overseas investment and insur-The figures helped lift the dollar. At the end of trading Wednesday in Tokyo, the dollar rose to 103,20 yen from

sell for yen.

Ron Bevacqua, an economist at Merrill Lynch & Co., said the prospect of further declines in Japan's surplus should boost the dollar to 110 yen in six months.

The merchandise trade portion of the current account, shrank 7.2 percent in September, to \$13.16 billion.

Imports rose 13.8 percent in September, to \$23.95 billion, led by personal computers, semiconductors, clothing and cars. Export growth weakened as manufacturers shifted produc-tion offshore to escape the strong yen and high labor costs. Exports, led by semiconductors. machine tools and steel, rose 5.4

percent, to \$37.11 billion. For the half-year, the mer-

The outflow of long-term capital showed a large decrease in August, and in September there was a net inflow of capital.

Economists said ings figures, as well as slow bond buying on the part of B shares fell "because of the Japanese investors and an increase in foreign interest in

## Bond Buyers Say No to Vietnam Global Investors Doubt Pace of Hanoi's Reforms

HO CHI MINH CITY - The first worldwide sale of a bond linked to stock in a Vietnamese company has been postponed indefinitely, a sign that investors are skeptical of Vietnamese companies and the country's market reforms.

The sale of \$40 million of bonds of the Hong Kong-based Luks Industrial Co., which manufactures electronic components, was scheduled for last Wednesday in London. The bonds are convertible into in London. The bonds are convertible into the investors want to cash out, they may stock in Luks Vietnam, a unit of Luks do so through a so-called put option for a Industrial. The main problem with the convertible issue is that Vietnam does not yet have a stock market.

The sale was called off after investors -

Hegt, a portfolio manager for HSBC As-set Management. HSBC considered the Luks bond but decided it was too risky.

"We have to wait for clients to re-spond," Martin C.T. Fan, corporate sec-retary of Luks Industrial, said last week after the sale in London was scrapped. On Wednesday, a company spokesman said Luks was "confident" the company could sell the bonds within two weeks.

A spokesman for Salomon Brothers Inc., which is managing the sale, said the fact that the bonds offer conversion into stocks that do not yet exist had required them to look for investors with an unusually long-term outlook.

The terms of the bonds, which come due in 2000 and are convertible into shares of Luks Vietnam, seemed sweet

Special clauses addressed the bonds' single biggest risk: that stock in Luks Vietnam will exist only when, and if, Vietnam finally starts a stock market.

The government has said it plans to start one, but many investors say it will take several years for a bourse to open. Under terms of the bond, if no stock market is opened within three years and

guaranteed 12.7 percent yield. Investors can cash out after four years for a guaranteed 13 percent yield.

If a stock market is opened by Novemdespite being offered unusually high yields ber 1997, investors will be able to exand escape clauses with guaranteed payouts — failed to step forward.

"It's a young economy, there's no corporate law, and the concept of equity doesn't exist" in Vietnam, said Robert control of the stock offering price.

If the market is opened between December 1997 and November 1999, the discount increases to 20 percent.

The terms of the Luks bond, which pays 7 percent annual interest, are generous when compared with other Asian convertible bonds. A convertible bond sold by the Hong Kong property company China Resources Enterprise Ltd., for example, pays annual interest of up to 3.25 percent, can be converted to shares at a 15 percent premium and offers a five-year put option at about a 7 percent yield.

Mark Hodge, an analyst who follows Luks Industrial at GK Goh Holdings Ltd., said the company was having a difficult time getting money it is owed in China, where most of its manufacturing is done. Within four years, the company hopes to generate as much as 70 percent of its revenue from Vietnam, which currently accounts for just 5 percent.

Luks is to use the funds raised from the bond issue to develop its cement and property businesses in Vietnam. Luks Vietnam already owns a stake in a Ho Chi Minh City office tower complex, Saigon World Trade Center, which is scheduled for completion in 1997.

The company is likely to find it has just as many problems in Vietnam as it does in

China, bankers said. "Most joint ventures in Vietnam are

struggling," one said.
The haiting pace of Vietnam's financial market reforms has dampened enthusiasm for the Luks convertible bond. In recent years, under Vietnam's doi moi, or economic-reform policy, the government has taken steps to open the country's economy to foreign capital.

In June, the Vietnamese central bank sold 83.6 billion dong (\$7.6 million) of Treasury bills in the country's first govemment securities auction. Thirty local banks and four foreign banks were li-censed to participate in bidding. But reforms have frequently been

slowed by restrictions placed on foreign

ownership of Vietnamese assets. Government officials have said a stock market will start as early as 1997 but have publicly argued over how it should be regulated and which agency will run it. That wrangling has led many foreign investors to doubt that a bourse will open

Last week, a British daily newspaper published an interview with a Finance Ministry official, Nguyen Cong Ngheip.
Citing the relatively few Victnamese companies that could qualify to issue shares, he said Vietnam was still "a long way" from starting a stock exchange.

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#### **Very briefly:**

 Japan's Fair Trade Commission ordered 106 construction companies to pay a total of 1.5 billion yen (\$14.6 million) penalties for rigging bids on public-works projects.

 Japan wants an Asia-Pacific free-trade area by 2020, but ambassador to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum sa Japan still wanted special treatment for agriculture.

NEC Corp. of Japan and Samsung Electronics Co. of Sour Korea are to work together to make logic chips for electron consumer products in Asian markets. Terms were not disclose

 Kentucky Fried Chicken, a unit of PepsiCo Inc., is to contin to expand in India despite the fact that New Delhi's city go ernment said it was determined to shut one of its restaurants.

 China, in an effort to calm scandal-ridden futures markets. rules that will force traders who are not members of a sanction exchange to submit qualifications for review.

 Hong Kong is raising 8.2 billion Hong Kong Jollars (\$1:1 billion) in syndicated loans to continue building its new airport • Hyundai Motor Co. expects 1995 profit to rise 32 percent, 180 billion won (\$233.2 million). AFP, AP. Bloomberg. Reuto

#### **Acer October Sales Double**

TAIPEI - Acer Inc., one of the world's largest manufacture of personal computers, said Wednesday that its sales in Octob more than doubled because of brisk global demand. Sales last month rose to 7.3 billion Taiwan dollars (\$268

million) from 3.4 billion dollars in the like month last year, Ad said. The figures did not include revenue from the company

Acer said sales for the first 10 months of 1995 rose 85.1 percer no measures were taken to increase exports to 47.2 billion dollars. Group sales last month climbed 87 and limit imports. (Bloomberg, Reuters) percent from a year earlier, to 17.1 billion dollars.

## Firms' Profits Show Indonesian Growth

JAKARTA - The blue-chip companies Indosat and PT Astra International posted profit rises Wednesday, and analysts said the news reflected a strengthening Indonesian economy.

Indosat, the government-controlled telecommunications company, said net profit rose 55 percent, to 121.5 billion rupiah (\$53.3 million), in the third quarter turnaround had been caused by companies bringing back funds to help enhance half-year earnrupiah. Nine-month net profit rose 66 percent, to 342.2 billion rupiah. The company's shares fell 50 rupiah, to 7,600.

Astra International, a major carmaker, stocks. said third-quarter net profit rose 24 percent, (Bloomberg, Reuters) to 90 billion rupiah. For the first nine

months, net profit was 271.41 billion rupiah, a 45 percent increase from a year earlier. Nine-month revenue rose 40 percent, to 8.79 trillion rupiah. Shares in Astra slid 25, to

"The improved earnings in these two companies reflects sustained growth in the national economy," said Setiadi, an analyst with Asian Development Securities. The World Bank estimated in a June report on Indonesia that economic growth in

1994 was 7.3 percent. Data from the brokerage concern Vickers Ballas Tamara showed that among 197 companies surveyed, 1995 first-half profit

rose 43.8 percent on average.

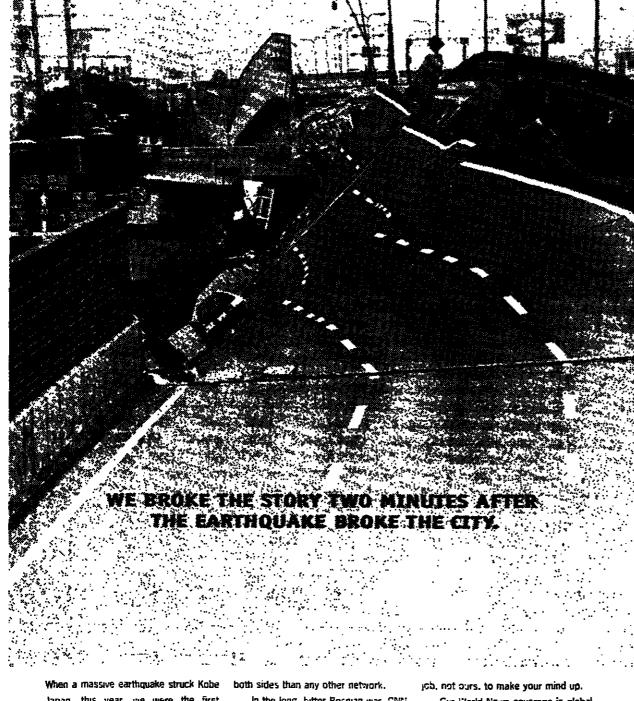
Analysts said they expected an interest-

rate cut and reduced inflation to help sus tain strong earnings growth. Irene Tang, an economist at Banque

Paribas in Paris, wrote in a recent report:
"We see the possibility of a gradual easing in interest rates from early next year. Over 1996, rates are likely to fall by around 100 basis points," or a full percentage point. Andrew Ferris, chief regional economist

with Salomon Brothers in Hong Kong, said Tuesday that inflation was likely to slow to 7.5 percent in 1996 from an estimated 9 percent this year.

He said a widening current-account deficit would put pressure on the economy if



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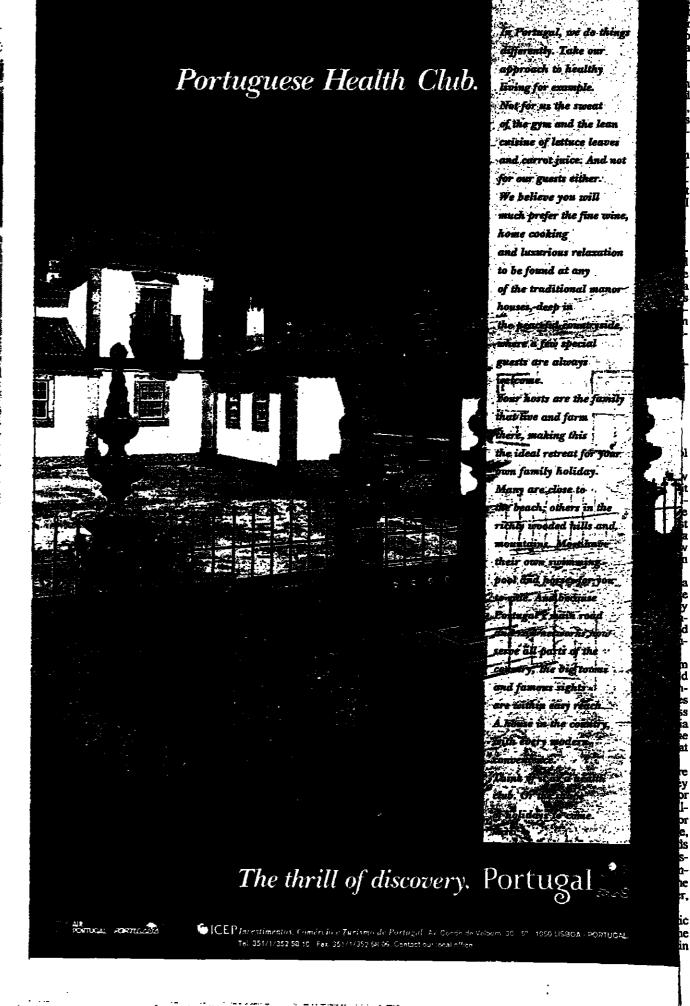
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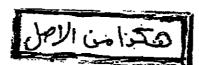
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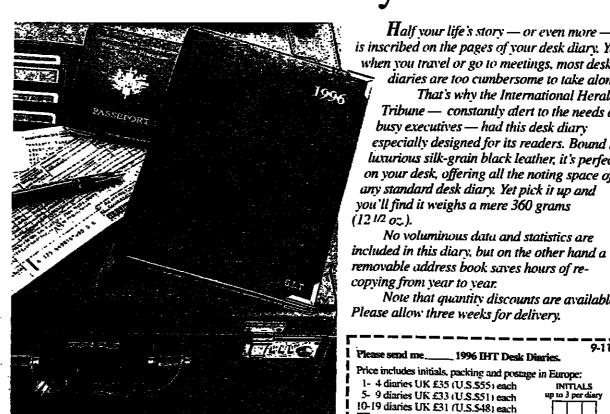
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## 3M: A New Technology Pervades a Range of Future Applications at Minnesota Company

Even though microreplica-

tion has now caught the attention of many 3M business units,

its progress has been slowed by

the challenge of figuring out the

application until the third or

fourth try," said Andrew Wong, head of the unit that is

now selling more than 12 mil-

lion light-enhancing screens

other Japanese makers of laptop

displays. The unit did not enter

that business until 1992, after

Other uses are being held up

a lack of willing partners.

Appeldom says experimen-

tal results indicate that plastic

films can be efficient collectors

of solar energy, but 3M does not

want to invest in making all the

other pieces of a functioning

steam in part because it has

spread beyond the optics appli-

cations that nurtured it and into

related areas such as sandpaper.

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Microreplication is gathering

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prisms that helped manufacturers of laptop computer screens halve the amount of battery power their products needed. For the sandpaper designers, microreplication resulted in a

tough product that is used to polish golf clubs, hip implants and other metal items.

In the highway sign appli-cation, introduced in 1988, 3M sells sheeting with 7,000 reflecting prisms a square inch. That makes the signs as much as three times as bright at night as normal sign surfaces, which use tiny glass beads scattered in plastic film.

3M is not the first company to seek big money from repli-cating small surface features. The recording industry grew from the trick of replicating fine grooves in plastic. What 3M has done, though, is to explore the

those on a record. While other companies are also exploring microreplication's leading edge, none appears to leading edge, none appears to we made on faith," said 3M's have developed as broad a reach chief executive, L.D. DeSias 3M. For example, Rochester Photonics Corp. uses microreplication to produce sharper images over wider fields of vision in the plastic lenses it designs for binoculars, microscopes and "virtual reality" systems. Opcor, another company based in Rochester, New York, does the manufacturing on its molding equipment.

Surprisingly to some re-searchers, 3M is pioneering in this almost invisible realm by using diamond-tipped cutting tools to form molds.

3M moved into microreplication in the early 1960s when Mr. Appeldorn began looking for an inexpensive, lightweight replacement for glass lenses in the earliest overhead projectors so that 3M could expand into the education market.

His solution, a plastic lens with thousands of tiny lightfocusing grooves, led to several other developments, such as traffic lights that could be seen as drug delivery systems, have only from certain lanes.

But Mr. Appeldorn knew he had to find an application in a the skin patches that 3M makes far larger market, such as high- to help wean smokers from way signs, to win more corporate support.

It also became apparent that 3M needed a broad package of skills to advance microreplication, including far better methods of precision manufacturing and of measuring how the tiny features it was making were shaped and what they did.

One of the biggest steps for-ward came in 1982 when Mr. Appeldorn persuaded Mr. Mitsch, a chemist and former annually to Sharp Corp. and college friend who was then in charge of research and development for 3M's life sciences group, to help him push for the several years of applying miacquisition of Optical Systems croreplication to automotive Group, a small California-based products such as taillights. соправу

Optical Systems owned inpotential of features as little as one-thousandth the size of those on a record.

Optical Systems owned the formation and patents that the two men felt 3M needed to develop extremely high-precision

diamond-cutting tools.
"I remember it as a decision mone. It took a full decade to hit the first big target, the sheeting for highway signs, giving 3M a chance at a market valued at more than \$100 million a year.

During this time, microreplication was one of many technologies competing for attention within 3M. Some, such as biotechnology, have never really found a place. Others, such

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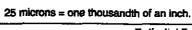
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Another sign is that the com-

British Columbia that is study-

for cutting noise in aircraft.

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ital budget, up from nothing a decade ago. The budget totaled force, however. Because it is made from one \$1.15 billion last year. material in a single molding step, the highway sign material is cheaper to manufacture than pany is beginning to support outside research projects, such as one at the University of

Source: 3M Company

glass-bead products once the factory machinery is in place. It is also an environmental bargain because it does away with the need for the air-polluting solvents used in making the glass-bead products.

One sign that microreplica-tion has finally arrived is that realm," Mr. Appeldom said. projects related to it are now commanding 5 percent to 10 mance is not the only driving percent of the company's cap-

## **Pooling Funds for the Peso**

#### Government and Business Seek Stability.

By Julia Preston New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY — Government and business leaders are holding closed-door negotiations on a proposal from private industry to create joint funds to stabilize the peso, officials and executives have said.

Leading Mexican companies have offered to contribute to a fund of about \$5 billion that could be used to buy pesos in currency markets and help bolster the peso's value when it faced selling pressure, officials and executives said Tuesday. The peso plan, which business executives said had the support of the government, was prompted by a sell-off in the currency Friday that was accelerated by groundless rumors of a possible military coup in Mexico.

Negotiations to support the currency come at a time of rising frustration over the fact that positive signs in the economy and President Ernesto Zedillo's continued tight monetary policies have failed to restore confidence in the currency.

"The mood is much too speculative," Dionisio Garza Medina, chairman of the industrial conglomerate Alfa Corp., said.

People are only listening to rumors," Mr. Garza said. "Real measures by the government ing the technology's potential to solve Mexico's long-term problems have gone We know less than 2 perunnoticed. "We want to stabilize these dramatic cent of the capability of this swings in the peso to help everybody who does

Mexican business leaders are proposing to set up two funds for an initial period of six months.

executives said. One fund, to be managed by the country's central bank, would draw on dollars provided by companies that earn the foreign currency through their exports. The bank would sell the dollars to offset abrupt drops in the peso's for-

eign-exchange value.

A second fund would be built from credits from Mexican banks, based on their dollar reserves. Companies promoting the plan other than Alfa include the Mexican subsidiary of Kimberly-Clark Corp., the cement maker Cimentos de México SA, the glass maker Vitro SA and Desc Sociedad de Fomento Industrial SA, an auto-parts manufacturer.

Mr. Garza said executives had concluded that a lack of liquidity, stemming from the grinding recession that persists in Mexico, had made the peso vulnerable to impulsive shifts in demand.

Since the peso began to decline again in October, the government has repeatedly raised shortterm interest rates, virtually paralyzing credit for

private business The proposals being discussed now appear to be more important as a gesture of business sympathy for the government than as an effective

market-control mechanism. But some traders said they did not think the amounts of money under discussion would be enough to counteract speculative peso selling.

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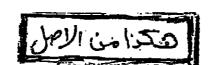
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Jason Kidd and Jim Jackson each scored 11 points in the first half as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Vancouver Grizzlies, 99-88, for the first 3-0 start in the franchise's 15-year history. his nose and also had to leave.

We had some exciting plays and then it got down to Chicago, Michael Jordan protecting the lead," said the scored eight of 38 points in a 15-

#### NBA ROUNDUP

Dallas coach, Dick Motta, who won his 895th game Tuesday. Jamal Mashburn scored 16 for the Mavericks, who did not trail after the first three minutes and led by as many as 20 points

in the fourth quarter. added 15 for the Grizzlies, who straight time. were thwarted in an attempt to become the first expansion and 10 rebounds and Glen Rice team in 29 years to win its first added 17 points for Charlotte. three games. The 1966 Chicago Bulls started 3-0.

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Suns 102, Knicks 94: In New York, Charles Barkley and Wayman Tisdale each scored 10 points in the fourth quarter Heat. as Phoenix beat the Knicks for their first victory of the sea-

Patrick Ewing scored 25 points to lead the Knicks. The New York forward Anthony Mason was ejected midway through the third quarter for arguing, and Charles Smith broke

Buils 117, Reptors 108: In 0 run in the fourth quarter as the Bulls remained unbeaten with a victory over Toronto.

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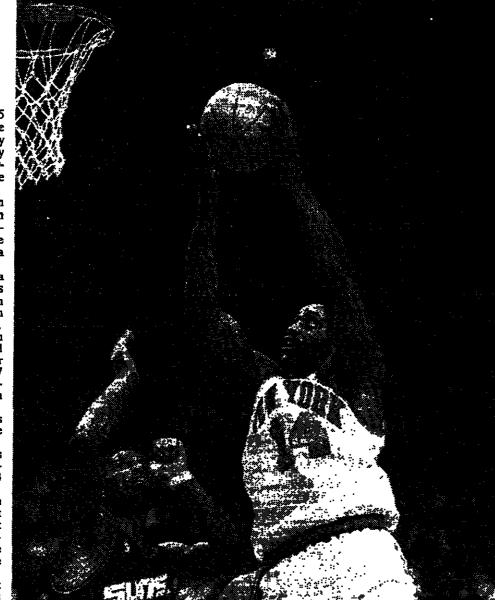
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## Woofs and Yaps but No Boos As Barkley Makes the Noise Knicks Talk Too Much, Score Too Little

#### By George Vecsey New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The last time the New York Knicks played a game that counted in Madison Square Garden, they suffered the indignity of watching Patrick Ewing's finger-roll shot wriggle off the rim as time and the season ended. The Knicks and Ewing were back in

the Garden on Tuesday night, and they suffered Vantage Point the indignity of

watching Charles Barkley's late acrobatic reverse-spin layup set up a three-point play as the Phoenix Suns took the home opener from the Knicks, 102-94. The Knicks also suffered from having their new starter, their so-called point forward, An-

thony Mason, get himself kicked out of the game with 18 minutes 54 seconds left. Mason — himself a New Yorker — had urged the Garden fans Tuesday to lay off the verbal abuse if the Knicks had a bad game or a bad

What Mason forgot to say was that he would take care of the verbal abuse. He picked on the rent-a-refs being used during the NBA referees' strike and received two personal fouls in the same sequence, and trudged off court, even before the

officials signaled the automatic ejection. The fans could have booed him, but they must have been taking his advice seriously. Their tolerance for shenanigans like Mason's won't last long. And it shouldn't.

If you're going to dish out verbal abuse, make sure you do it at the right time — and then stick around to control the game. Barkley showed how it's done, cussing the office-temp officials until he learned the call had gone his way. For-tunately, his teammate A.C. Green had clamped a full-Nelson (the wrestling hold, not the Knicks' coach Don) around the thick neck of Barkley.

Barkley also cussed a few fans and then cussed his teammate, Wesley Person, in the final period. But that's vintage Charles. In past visits to New York, he has leaped over tables to get at a real official. For Barkley, this was restrained.

After the game, somebody pointed out that youngsters like Elliot Perry and Michael Finley

"They're supposed to," Barkley said. 'They're getting paid.'

A full nine hours before Ewing ran into the cinder-block elbows of Barkley, Ewing ran into the barbed-wire wit of Barkley. The two crossed paths during the remarkably loosey-goosey overlap of practices by the two teams - a very noticeable symptom of the post-Riley era.

Whereas Pat Riley used to keep his players isolated in their bunker until it was time to take command of the emptied Garden, Nelson didn't seem to mind as his Knicks watched Paul Westphal's Suns staging the morning shoot-around, a pro-basketball ritual designed to keep the players off the streets of NBA cities.

Ewing plopped his large self in a front-row, seat while the Suns lobbed shots in the general direction of the basket. His old pal Barkley - they were teammates on Dream Team I in Barcelona plopped his large self two seats away.

"Hey, I read you're making \$18 million this season," Barkley shouted at Ewing from a distance of a foot. "I never met anybody who was making \$18 million a year."

"Aw, get lost," Ewing sort of said, laughing at his colleague's boldness in discussing money matters in public. Technically, Ewing is making \$18.7 million this year, including a balloon payment on his long-term contract. Next year, the final year in Ewing's contract, he will slip all the way down to \$3 million. Or, as the NBA players look at it, chump change.

Talk about indignities. On Monday, Ewing heard that the Knicks had been interested in Alonzo Mourning before Charlotte traded Mourning to Miami. The only way to interpret that interest is that the Knicks were looking beyond Ewing.

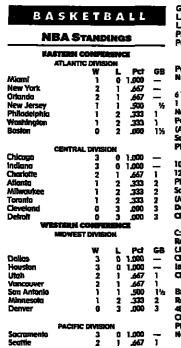
Even though he may laugh it off in public, Ewing has to see this as a heavy dose of mortality. So he might as well enjoy the \$18.7 million, even if he has to put up with Barkley's woofing.

"I'm still playing because I want a championship ring," Barkley announced during the morning shoot-around. "Just like my old friend Patrick."

Ewing is still hoping to catch a championship in these latter years. But Tuesday night was not a great start on this year's home schedule.

The Knicks lost the game. Yapping only works if you win.

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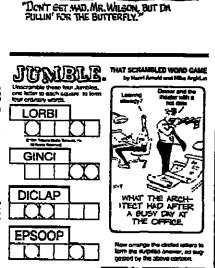
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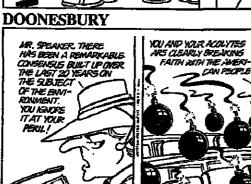


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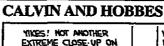
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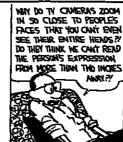


















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Steffi Graf on the way to her first match victory since the U.S. Open.

#### A Rusty Graf Wins

TENINIS Steffi Graf's recent absence from tennis affected her play — for about a set. The No. 1 player, dogged by tax and health problems, returned quickly to form, defeating Amy Frazier, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, on Tuesday in the second round of the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia.

"I need one or two matches to get my\_shots going" said Graf. Graf had played one match since winning the U.S. Open, losing in the first round at Brighton, England. (AP)

#### The Gray and the Gold

BASEBALL Some of baseball's elderly have filed for free agency. Andre Dawson of Florida, 41; Lou Whitaker of Detroit, 38, and Brett Butler of Los Angeles, 38, added their names to the list along with Chuck Finley of California and Greg Gagne of Kansas

Don Baylor, who led Colorado to the playoffs in only its third season, was voted the National League's Manager of the Year. Baylor received 19 of 28 first-place votes and nine seconds for 122 points in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. Davey Johnson, with 89 votes, was second.

#### New Zealand Gains Edge

CRICKET New Zealand pacemen Chris Cairns and Dion Nash grabbed three wickets for eight runs to jolt India on the rain-interrupted first day of the India reached 77 for three. (Reuters)

#### Finns Release Black Player

BASKETBALL A Finnish basketball club has decided to stop hiring black Americans after racist attacks forced a player to return home. Darryl Parker, 22, flew back to San Diego on Tuesday following attacks by skinheads in Joensuu, 430 kilometers (270 miles) northeast of Helsinki.

"Darryl was a great guy and we're sad to see him go," said Eero Oksava, chairman of Joensuun Kataja, a first-division club, which hired Parker in September.

"We'll be hiring a new American player, but I'm afraid he won't be black," Oksava said. "It may seem like giving in to Darryl's attackers, but it appears we have little choice." About 40 American basketball players, most of them black, play on Finnish teams.

## WORLD ROUNDUP Prosecution on the Ropes, Then King Takes Stand

## Surprising Admission by Promoter

NEW YORK — The prosecution's case against Don King appeared on the ropes until the boxing promoter took the witness

ernment could even claim in fairness that King's company lied to Lloyd's of London by asking for \$350,000 for a cancelled bout

By last week, the case appeared to have lost its steam, bogged down in numerals and dozens of insurance documents and arguments over the meaning of words in insurance and fight contracts.

It grew so bad that in discussions be-

tween lawyers and U. S. District Judge Lawrence McKenna a week ago, the judge questioned whether the jury might con-clude there was no crime, much less a criminal to be blamed.

Documents submitted to the insurance company said the \$350,000 was money paid to boxer Julio César Chávez for training in preparation for a title fight with Harold Brazier. The fight was canceled after Chavez cut his nose.

Fleming argued the \$350,000 was part of \$736,000 King paid Chávez before the bout to cover living expenses, also known in horizon or maintain the same of the same in boxing as maintenance, between fights. 'Is it not just as easy for the jury to infer

that Mr. King says (to an employee) 'you can claim \$350,000 and that's an advance for maintenance springing out of the \$736,000 check I gave Chavez?" the But King testified that the fake \$350,000

claim was indeed made - by his former accountant, Joseph Maffia.

"It was made up, yes," King said. Closing arguments were King's testimony, which ended Monday, begin Wednesday morning.

gave jurors a long look at a man the gov-ernment said was so meticulous about finances that he insisted on signing all checks himself, even for as little as a nickel.

stand for three days and revived the government's charges.

Before King testified, the defense lawyer Peter Fleming doubted if the government g

made up, he seemed to justify the nine-count insurance fraud indictment and left the jury to decide who is to blame. The indictment carries with it a penalty of up to 45 years in prison and more than \$2 million in fines.

King is the only defendant in the trial. Several former and current employees, including Maffia, were given immunity in return for their testimony.

Earlier in the trial, Maffia had testified

that King told him to designate \$350,000 as training expenses for the Chávez fight. Chávez testified he was paid only \$80,000 in training expenses. King's testimony must be compared with that of Maffia, who was so bitter after

he was forced from King's company in late 1991 that he cursed at him in a telephone call that was taped and played for the jury. It also must be compared with the tes-timony of Richard Hummers, a former vice

president of Don King Productions who testified that he overheard King talking about the insurance claim with Maffia after he joined the company in July 1991. King, though, testified that he never had the conversation.

Hummer had said he kept King informed about the claim during the two years he

"Now Mr. King, did those conversa-tions take place?" the assistant U.S. attomey, Paul Gardephe, asked King. "No," the promoter answered.

Closing arguments were scheduled to

#### The Prince Sulks; the Queen Has Quit World Cup Skiing Starts This Weekend Without 2 Stars the slalom and giant slalom disciplines. Until now, the fastest 15 finishers in the Cup seriously, there are a a host of contenders among skiing's all-rounders. Veteran Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg GENEVA - The curtain goes up on

Alberto Tomba, skiing to victory in the giant slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, in January, says he will boycott races.

Alpine skiing's World Cup this weekend with no sign of the sport's leading man or

Alberto Tomba, Italy's swashbuckling hero of the ski slopes, will be conspicnously absent. He is snubbing the opening performance at Tignes in the French Alps because he is unhappy with the role he has

While Tomba, the reigning men's World Cup overall champion pouts about rule changes, his opposite number. Vreni Schneider, has quietly made her farewell.

The Swiss cowbells finally tolled for 30year-old Schneider as she modestly wound up her illustrious career — during which she never showed the faintest trace of being

at the decision of World Cup organizers to sports on the schedule for Atlanta, sub- change the start order of second-leg runs in

first leg started in reverse order on the second run, with the one with the slowest time

going first. The skiers ranked 16th to 30th in the first run then followed in normal order. But organizers have decreed that all 30 skiers who qualify for the second leg should start in reverse order, with the fastest going last - by which time skiers fear the slopes will be so cut up they will

suffer a heavy time disadvantage. Tomba has said he will boycott the season-opening giant slalom in protest and may restrict his appearances at other World Cup races to first legs only, waving good-bye and departing before the second run.

"Anyway, the World Cup is not my Number One target this season," he said. "I would like to win my first world title in Sierra Nevada.'

Tomba, the remarkable winner of 11 World Cup races last winter, has won three Olympic gold medals but has yet to capture a world championship. He hopes to gain his first at the compeition to be held in Spain in

If the Italian refuses to defend the World American speed ace, Picabo Street.

has a record five overall titlesand is among the favorites even if he was a relative flop last season, failing to win a single race.

Girardelli still finished fourth overall,

despite a nagging knee injury, and has trained hard this summer in New Zealand alongside the German team. Fit again, he is likely to be the man to beat as he is one of the few capable of winning in any discipline. His chief rivals could be Kjetil Andre

Aamodt of Norway, another all-rounder who fell on hard times last season, and the Austrian veteran Günther Mader.

But the omens do not favor Mader. No Austrian has won the men's World Cup since Karl Schranz in 1970 - the Austrianborn Girardelli excepted.

In the women's events, the favorite is bound to be Katja Seizinger of Germany, who just missed the title in both 1993 and 1995. Her main rivals are likely to be Sweden's slalom queen, Pernilla Wiberg, a versatile Austrian, Anita Wachter, Heidi Zeller-Bähler of Switzerland and the

#### For Olympic Cash and Cities a pampered prima donna — with a third overall World Cup victory last season. Tomba has hinted that he may bow out himself at the end of this season and his sociation of Summer Olympic Internation-Olympic maneuverings have gathered al Federations, is leading the latter's effort appearances may well be limited to the odd to gain a larger chunk of Olympic revcameo role here and there this winter. The public competition to host the Summer Games in 2004 is intensifying— Prance nominated Lille on Tuesday while sports The Italian is not the only skier outraged The ASOIF, which represents all 26

the Italian government backed Rome. Bemitted its formal proposal in a meeting with hind the scenes the battle over Olympic Samaranch on Wednesday. "The question of the federations' share revenue is also heating up. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the head of the

worked for him.

**Lobbying Games Intensify** 

of the Olympic revenues has been a point of International Olympic Committee, was in discussion for some time now, particularly Rome on Wednesday, giving the city an between president Samaranch and my-opportunity to push its candidacy to host self," Nebiolo said Tuesday. self," Nebiolo said Tuesday. At the same time, international sports

Samaranch said last summer that the IOC was prepared to offer a total of between \$20 million and \$30 million to the federations will push him to increase their cut of commercial revenues from the Atfederations. However, Nebiolo wants \$100 million just for the IAAF, which he claims The Italian cabinet approved sponsordeserves the largest share because of track ship of Rome's bid Tuesday, a formality and field's prominence.

According to ASOIF figures, the summer federations received \$37.5 million in rice's debut as the new head Olympics, is one of at least 10 cities in the running for 2004. The Italian capital is revenues from the 1992 Barcelona

At a meeting in Monaco in May, Samaranch agreed for the first time to give federations a bigger revenue share. The considered an early favorite, along with Cape Town, South Africa. The French Olympic committee added the northern city of Lille to the list on Tuesday.

But while the Italian National Olympic
Committee president, Mario Pescante, Rome meeting was scheduled to work out

Total television revenues for the Atlanta Games are forecast at about \$900 million, with an additional \$600 million in marketing revenues.

another powerful Italian is expected to stir About 7 percent of the total television Primo Nebiolo, head of the International revenue is normally split evenly among the Amateur Athletic Federation and the As-

## **Whalers Win One for Their New Coach** Cassels Scores Twice in 7-3 Victory Over Lowly Sharks

The Hartford Whalers skated to a 7-3 victory over the San Jose Sharks to make Paul Maucoach successful.

Andrew Cassels scored twice and added an assist and Steven Rice had a goal and two assists to lead the Whalers, who won

#### NHL ROUNDUP

Tuesday for just the second time in their last nine games. The club fired Paul Holm-

gren on Monday and replaced him with Maurice, who was an assistant coach and at 28 is the youngest coach in North American professional sports. "The fact that Paul Holm-

gren is not here and Paul Mauthe win," Maurice said.

new coach came in had something to do with it. We still made a lot of mistakes tonight, but I was pleased with the fact that we seemed to limit a lot of them to areas where they weren't going to hurt us."

Andrei Nikolishin, Brendan goals in his last four games.

Shanahan and Nelson Emerson Hartford, which outshot San Jose, 41-28. Sean Burke stopped 25 of 28 shots for the Whalers.

"Sometimes guys get a little an empty net with 65 seconds emotional when there is a left to make the final margin for ond goal of the game, an emptychange," Shanahan said. "That Florida. is not a knock on Holmgren. It is not like we changed our phi-third straight game without its losophy, but sometimes it star center, Eric Lindros, who is not like we changed our phi-

there gives the guys a bit of a "Maybe the shake-up got his first career shutout and Eric guys going," Cassels said. "It Lacroix scored the game's only is not nice to have to shake up the team to get things going, but sometimes it does work. It is sad to see Holmgren gone, but

we all have to go on."
The Sharks fell to 1-8-4. Panthers 4, Flyers 2: At Floririce is had nothing to do with da, rookie Radek Dvorak scored twice for the second

"But maybe the fact that straight game to lift the Panthere was a coach fired and a thers over the Philadelphia Fly-The victory, Florida's franchise-record fourth straight, moved the Panthers three points

ahead of the Flyers atop the Atlantic Division. Dvorak has all six of his third period pulled the Panthers Anaheim. into a 2-2 tie. Tom Fitzgerald tallied into

Philadelphia was playing its

seems somebody new back has a torn knee ligament. Kings 1, Blues 0: In St. Louis, Byron Dafoe made 33 saves for his first career shutout and Eric

goal as Los Angeles blanked St. Dafoe, acquired in an off-

season trade with the Washington Capitals, made nine saves in each of the first two periods and turned aside 15 shots in the final stanza.

The only goal of the game came just 49 seconds into the third period. Marty McSorely's wraparound attempt failed, but Wayne Gretzky picked up the rebound, passed to Lacroix, who whipped it past Grant Fuhr. Maple Leafs 6, Ducks 3: In Toronto, Mats Sundin scored

short-handed with 7:16 left to ignite a three-goal explosion

Rob Niedermayer's back- and lift the Maple Leafs to viceach had a goal and an assist for hand goal with 7:45 left in the tory over the Mighty Ducks of

Mark Kolesar tallied with 57 seconds left to make it 5-3 and Doug Gilmour scored his secnetter, with 18 seconds left to make the final margin.

Felix Potvin stopped 33 shots for Toronto and Guy Hebert made 32 saves for the Ducks. Canucks 5, Islanders 2 In Uniondale, New York, Trevor Linden and Alexander Mogilny scored a pair of goals apiece as Vancouver rolled over the listless Islanders.

Jeff Brown set up three goals for the Canucks, who extended their unbeaten streak to five

Red Wings 4, Oilers 2: In Detroit, Slava Kozlov, Greg Johnson and Steve Yzerman scored in a three-goal first period to give Detroit the victory over Edmonton.

Bruins 4, Capitals 3: In Washington, Jozef Stumpel, Kevin Stevens and Sandy Moger scored less than three minutes apart in the third period as Boston rallied for a victory over the

#### **CROSSWORD**

timed to coincide with Samaranch's visit.

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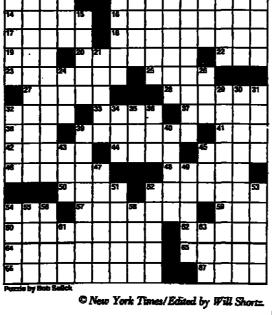
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tomobiles and one we must take seriously before Japan floods the country with its Hondas and Toyotas.

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Vietnam is also one of the

#### Harold Wilson Leaves Papers to Secretary

Agence France-Presse LONDON - Former Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain, who died in May, left all his personal papers, including political documents and corre-

The papers cover 30 years of the Labor leader's life, including two periods as prime minister, 1964 to '70 and 1974 to '76. His estate was left to his wife, Mary, and their two children.

WASHINGTON — I regreat consumer markets for cently read that there is a cigarettes. Everyone in the big effort in the United States to country smokes and, had we do business in Vietnam. Amer- been able to hold out for anican manufacturers consider the other four years, we would have won the war because all the Vietnamese would now be dead from inhaling nicotine. The to-Therefore, I am revising a bacco companies consider the country a hot prospect for their products and are prepared to cover their billboards with Joe Camel ads which will attract teen-age Vietnamese.

We are in Vietnam because that's where McDonald's wants to be. The Vietnamese have developed a taste for french-fried potatoes and Kentucky Fried Chicken and all the things they fought against in the war.

The reason we are in Victnam is that they have oceans of crude oil offshore and our petroleum people need this source very badly. We were ready to drill for it 25 years ago but Hanoi would never let us.

Another reason is that we also have Planet Hollywood discos that everyone in Saigon would kill to get into.

We are in Vietnam because Wall Street says it's a good place to invest American money. All our banks are planning to open branches there. Tourist travel will pick up as soon as the Vietnamese build large gambling casinos in the rice paddies and construct golf courses

along the Mekong Delta. Why are we now in Vietnam? Because even when you lose a war, you still have to trade with your former enemies. You must grab every marspondence, to his long-time pri-vate secretary, Lady Falkender. hot, Vietnam will become a household name.

So everyone reserve a seat on Hanoi Airlines. We're going to have one helluva party. It was a lousy war -

but now business is great.

# Conversations From the Past With Edward Albee

By Paula Span Washington Post Service

TEW YORK — This is a conversation Edward Albee would have been unwilling to have 30-odd leaving audiences breathless, or 15 ography. And he's always been only too happy to say so. In fact, exploring the parallels be-

tween his adoptive mother and the characters in his Pulitzer Prize-winning "Three Tall Women" still makes him a bit skittish. "I know that all my plays come from within me," he says. "But I've never written a play about me.... I've never written me-in-disguise." In fact, he announces, sounding a favorite theme, "I would like all plays to open without anyone knowing

who wrote them."

And yet, with this much-acclaimed work, the influential playwright has made an unprecedented acknowledgment: This was my mother. She's been reinvented and reimagined for the stage, of course, and she tells stories of things that never occurred. Still, the 92-year-old character played on the current national tour by the arresting Marian Seldes - is recognizably the wealthy Westchester matron who adopted a 2-week-old infant, a boy who would leave home as a teenager and have no contact with

'Some people who knew her quite well told me I softened her a little bit; anemic, something of a cipher. she was really much more horrible. Albee remarks mildly. "But I wasn't after revenge or anything like that. I bee decamped to that well-known felt no need for revenge. I left home sanctuary, Greenwich Village, where when I did and made my own choices, and I'm perfectly happy with

her for more than 20 years.

When "Three Tall Women" had its New York premiere last year. Albee, who is now 67, was in danger of becoming an academic subject, a playwright whose work was studied in universities more than it was seen on stage. It had been nearly a decade since he'd had a production in New

York, and close to two decades since a New York production escaped

abuse from the critics. All that's changed now - "The Soviet Union is not the only country where history is rewritten," Albee years ago, when his plays were first says, deadpan — with this play's 18month off-Broadway run, the playyears ago, when his plays were leav-ing critics cold. He's always disliked O'Neill outranks him, with four), the the tendency to conflate art and bi- national tour and anticipated revivals of other Albee plays. And something else, possibly not coincidentally, has also changed: He will talk about his family. Not with tremendous openness, of course. "He's a puzzle," Seldes says. "Funny word, but there's something mysterious about Edward, just as there's something mysterious

about his plays."

The first time Albee tried to run away, he was 11. "My paternal grandmother gave me \$100 a year as a Christmas present, and I'd saved up 1,100 bucks," he remembers. "And I'd somehow managed to book pas-sage to France on a boat, steerage of course. My memory tells me I got to the dock, and they came and got me. Probably hyperbole, but I know I booked passage. I know I went to New York."

He is not inclined to recite a litany of grievances against the rich couple who adopted him, except to say that he and they "were not getting along particularly well, and I thought I might be happier elsewhere." But he has described his mother as bigored, paranoid, disparaging of his politics and his homosexuality; his father as

At 18 or 19, after Trinity College in Connecticut invited him to leave, Albee decamped to that well-known he subsisted on odd jobs delivering telegrams for Western Union, among other occupations, and on a small inheritance doled out by family lawyers. He initially wrote unsuccessful poetry and then, as he was about to turn 30, began writing successful plays. "Zoo Story" was the first, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" the best known.

"I don't want anyone to get the



Edward Albee has reimagined his adoptive mother for the stage.

impression that I was deeply hurt" by call, he learned that his mother had the estrangement from his family, Al-suffered a heart attack. "I heard that bee cautions. "I was so happy to be in she was sick, thought for a moment, Greenwich Village. I was so happy to sighed and said, 'Well, maybe she be out from under the constraints of that reactionary environment. I never missed home.

But after more than two decades without visiting or making a phone ing.

When she died and I saw the will, I was almost completely cut out. Not that I needed the money - but it was a gesture. I don't think she ever forgave me for leaving. But I wouldn't have forgiven myself if I hadn't." He didn't start writing "Three Tall

"Obviously she was still upset

Women" until after Frances Cotter Albee's death in 1990. "It wasn't an act of generosity to avoid offending her," he explained. "It would have been foolish to try to write it before she died, not for her, but for me. . . . I wouldn't have had the whole of her life" to examine.

There will be no tender code to this story, clearly. "Three Tail Women" derives much of its power from the unsparing way that characters A. B and C - who are 92, 52 and 26 years old — look at the choices they've made and the consequences as they age. One of the consequences is that a son flees at 18 and stays away for decades until his mother becomes gravely ill, at which point in the second

act a young man enters, stage right.

As he wrote, Albee found himself learning more about his mother and

"She had lots of reasons for being what she became." he says. "I understand the tough row she had to hoe, his being so passive, her having to handle everything. Turned her into a harder person than I'm sure she wanted

But the process didn't leave Albee liking her any better. When he watched Seldes on the stage in Boston as the national tour began, "it was very interesting." he said. "I'm not aware of my mother when I watch it, at all. I'm aware of the character I wrote."

But if the writer no longer thinks of his mother as his acts unfold, those who are watching may think of theirs. Seldes, who played B, the middle-aged character, before taking on A, has often heard them say so.

"The audience, the people you talk to, 'say 'That's my mother.' 'That's my grandmother.' 'That's my great-aunt,' '' she said. "This extraordinary needs some company.' And started a very slow and never really resolved process, never a reconciliation. She woman, who's like no other woman, is like all women to the audience.'

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#### Auction Tops \$100 Million for First Time Since 1990 WHO would have thought it? Beat-

By Souren Melikian ernational Herald Tribune

YORK — Money was pouring down on 19th- and 20th-century art at Christie's as 55 paintings and sculptures sold for a total of \$107.7 million.

chairman of Christie's New York, who conducted the auction on Tuesday, stressed night, that might have killed it. that this was the first time that the \$100 since May 1990. The art market crashed in the fall of 1990.

clinations toward mischievous spoofery just over \$7 million, a huge figure for what Lautrecs available these days.

North America

North America Chicago and Toronto will be windy and wet Friday into Saurday, then colder later in the weekend, perhaps with some snow. Turning milder in New York Cdy and Wash-ington, D.C., with rain arriv-ing this weekend. Rainy in Vancouver and Seattle, dry and warm in Los Angeles.

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and a touch of eroticism. All this is enhanced by unusually intense colors.

But when it was last seen at auction on Nov. 15, 1989, the Picasso made a lot more. That was at Sotheby's in New York, where a Japanese buyer, Shigeki Kameyama, paid \$26.4 million, Financial problems, the ru-At a press conference that immediately mor went among professionals, led to its followed the sale, Christopher Burge, the coming back for sale so soon. Had it not been for the upbeat mood on Tuesday

estate that included a remarkably good portrait of a young man, by the sculptor There was a vivid reminder of the ex- Oscar Miestchaninoff. It sold for \$9.35 cesses that led to that crisis with the star million. Two minutes later came an ex- of Toulouse-Lautrec's less distinguished eflot, Picasso's "Mirror" (Le Miroir), tremely fine Cubist work, "L'Indépenpainted in 1932. It rose to \$20 million. The dant," done by Picasso in 1911 in a manner huge price is largely accounted for by its much influenced by Braque, in delicate through found a taker at \$1.2 million poster-like quality, mixing Picasso's in- tones of olive brown and black. It brought there are not all that many Toulouse-

WEATHER

Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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with parts of Spain and Portugal. It
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is a connoisseur's choice rather than a work with instant appeal such as "Mirror."

The same success story for a connoisseur's piece repeated itself with a group of slender, spindly figures cast in bronze in 1949 in an edition of six after the original plaster model made by Alberto Giacometti in 1948. At \$2.2 million, the price was generous, showing that the discerning art buyers were firmly back in the market.

So are those who are attracted by the fun The sale got off to an auspicious start of the game. What most underlines the new lesser works. Monet's "Charing Cross Bridge," which does not look quite finished, went up to an astonishing \$3.5 million. One forts, "A L'Elysée Montmartre," which looks like a sketch left aside halfway

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50 YEARS AND GOING STRONG — Quincy Jones, at a New York tribute for his 50 years in the music business, gets a kiss from Oprah Winfrey.

vision. Dimitra Papandreou, 40. said a series of explicit nude photographs that have appeared in Greek newspapers was "a part of my youth." She added: "I'm not ashamed of sunbathing nude. What should I do? Kill myself for sunbathing nude? If I weren't Andreas Papandreou's wife, I'd probably still be sunbathing nude." The pictures sent the circulation of one newsaper, Avriani, to more than 100,000 from 10,000 just a few weeks ago. Aside from the scandal over the photographs, some senior Socialists have attacked Mimi, as she is known, for apparently trying to take over from her 76-year-old husband, whom she serves as chief of staff. She insisted that her husband, who she met when she was a

stewardess for Olympic Airways, called all

next to my husband," she said.

The wife of Prime Minister Andreas

The Aga Khan has lodged an urgent appeal against a Geneva court ruling that his ex-wife may sell most of her lavish jewelry collection at auction next week. He acted after the court lifted a provisional ban on the sale and authorized the British-born Princess Salimah to sell 261 lots at Christie's on Nov. 13. The value of the jewels has been estimated at up to \$15

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican primate of Southern Africa and winper of the Nobel Peace Prize, plans to trade his clerical vestments for a blackboard and

a classroom at Emory University in Atlanta Africa wound up smeared in lipstick after next year. He is retiring and is scheduled to spend the 1996-1997 academic year as a visiting professor at Emory's Candler School of Theology. The students are enthusiastic. "It would be amazing," said one first-year religion student, Alison the political shots and that she was simply a student of politics, studying at his side. "I Lutz. "To have someone who can bridge don't exercise power. I learn from being another religious texts with current events and the student religious texts with current events." would be wonderful. He is demonstrative of the power religion has to help people understand political strife."

> The model-actress Anna Nicole Smith, 27, whose 90-year-old oil tycoon husband, Howard Marshall, died in August, is in a hospital following an adverse reaction to prescription medication. The former Playboy Playmate was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital. Her doctor denied that Smith had succumbed to a drug overdose. She is battling with the Marshall family over her late husband's \$500 million for-

President Nelson Mandela of South day is Jan. 19.

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greeting the 86 candidates to the 1995 Miss World contest one by one, but managed to give the encounter a political touch. Dressed in a brightly colored African shirt, Mandela offered his condolences to Miss Israel over the slaying of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin before shaking the hand of the redhead, dressed in slinky black. He also expressed his hopes for a lasting peace to Miss Croatia. The winner will be named on Nov. 18 in South Africa's Sun City resort.

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Dolly Parton doesn't stand a chance of ignoring her 50th birthday. Seven fans are paying about \$3,000 for 10 congratulatory billboards in Nashville, Tennessee, to be set up near her home, record company, studio and other haunts. "We're just huge Dolly Parton fans," said 19-year-old Jeremy Brown of Naples, Florida, ringleader of the group. "We didn't want to get her a gift that ends up in a warehouse somewhere." The billboards will be up from Christmas though Jan. 25 Parton in the Christmas through Jan. 25. Parton's birth-

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